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OF

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ANNO DECIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

His Excellency, KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, ESQ., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.



FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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PROCLAMATION.

JAS. CROWDY
[L. S.]

By His Honor JAMES CROWDY, Esquire, Administrator of the Government of the Island of Newfoundland, and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Island stands Prorogued until TUESDAY the Tenth day of August instant: And whereas I think fit to Prorogue the said General Assembly until FRIDAY the Twenty-fourth day of September next ensuing:

I do therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until FRIDAY the Twenty-fourth day of September next; of which all persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, the Sixth day of August, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two, and in the Sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,

Acting Secretary.



PROCLAMATION.

JAMES CROWDY.

[L. S.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ire-
land, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of our Island of Newfoundland stands Pro-
rogued until Friday the 24th day of September, instant: And whereas We have
thought fit to dissolve the said General Assembly: Now know ye that we do for this purpose
publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do by these presents DISSOLVE the said General
Assembly accordingly. And we do hereby discharge the Members of Our Council and of
the said General Assembly from their meeting and attendance on the said 24th day of Sep-
tember instant. In testimony whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent
under the Great Seal of Our said Island.

Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved JAMES
CROWDY, Esquire, Administrator of the
Government of our said Island and its De-
pendencies, at St. John's, in our said Is-
land, this Twenty-second Day of Septem-
ber, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign,
Annoque Domini 1852.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,
Acting Secretary.

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PROCLAMATION.

KER B. HAMILTON.
[L. S.]

By His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland
and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

WHEREAS Her Majesty by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Ninth day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two, in the Sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, hath given and granted unto me full power and authority to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Householdors within this Island: And Whereas Writs in due form have been issued for a General Election of Members of the General Assembly of the Island, under which Members have been elected and returned to serve in the said General Assembly :

I do therefore by these Presents further summon and call the Members of the said General Assembly so elected to assemble and meet at the Town of St. John's, in the said Island, *for the despatch of business*, on Monday the Thirty-first day of January instant; and of which all persons concerned therein are hereby required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House at St. John's aforesaid, the Third day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three, and in the Sixteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES CROWDY.



COMMISSION OF HIS EXCELLENCY KER BAILLIE HAMILTON.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To Our trusty and well-beloved KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Greeting.

WHEREAS We did by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the Nineteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight, in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign, constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved Sir JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT, Knight, then Lieutenant-Colonel and now Colonel in our army, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland, and the Islands and Territories within the limits as therein described, as by the said recited Letters Patent, relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear.

Preamble.

Now KNOW YOU that We have revoked and determined, and by these Presents do revoke and determine, the said recited Letters Patent, and every clause, article, and thing therein contained.

Letters Patent of 19th July, 1848, revoked.

AND FURTHER KNOW YOU, that We, reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, courage and loyalty of you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have thought fit to constitute and appoint you, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint you, the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, to be our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Newfoundland and the Islands adjacent, and all the Coast of Labrador from the entrance of Hudson's Straits to a line to be drawn due North and South from Anse Sablon on the said coast to the Fifty-second degree of North Latitude, and all the Islands adjacent to that part of the said Coast of Labrador, as also of all Forts and Garrisons erected and established within the said Island of Newfoundland and the Islands adjacent,

Ker Baillie Hamilton, Esq. appointed Governor of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

or on the Coast of Labrador within the limits aforesaid, or in the said Islands adjacent to that part of the said coast, for and during Our will and pleasure.

The Government to be administered agreeably to Royal Instructions, &c.

And We do hereby require and command you to do and execute all things in due manner that shall belong to your said command and the trust we have reposed in you, according to the several powers and authorities granted or appointed you by this present Commission and the Instructions herewith given you, or according to such further powers, instructions and authorities as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and according to such reasonable Laws and Statutes as are now in force or may hereafter be made and agreed upon by you with the advice and consent of the Council and Assembly of Our said Island and its Dependencies under your Government.

The Public Seal.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is that you shall and may keep and use the Public Seal for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the Seal of Our said Island and its Dependencies.

Appointment of Judges, Justices of the Peace, &c.

And we do hereby authorise and empower you, the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, to constitute and appoint Judges, and in cases requisite, Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, Justices of the Peace, and other necessary Officers and Ministers in Our said Island and its Dependencies, for the better administration of Justice and putting the Laws into execution, and to administer or cause to be administered unto them such Oath or Oaths as are usually given for the due execution and performance of Offices and Places and for the clearing of truth in Judicial causes.

Suspension of Officers.

And We do hereby give and grant unto you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, full power and authority, upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his Office within our said Island any Person exercising any Office or Place under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted or which may be granted by Us, or in Our Name or under Our authority, which suspension shall continue and have effect only until Our Pleasure therein shall be made known and signified to you. And We do hereby strictly require and enjoin you, in proceeding to any such suspension, to observe the directions in that behalf given to you by Our Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual accompanying this Our Commission to you.

Pardon of offenders, remission of fines, &c.

And We do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority, where you shall see cause, or judge any offender or offenders in criminal matters, or for any fines or forfeitures due unto Us, fit objects of Our mercy, to pardon all such offenders, and to remit all such offences, fines and forfeitures.

And in case of your death, or absence out of Our said Island and its Dependencies, We do hereby give and grant all and singular the powers and authorities herein to you granted, to Our Lieutenant-Governor for the time being of Our said Island, or in the absence of any such Lieutenant-Governor, to such person as We may, by Warrant under Our Sign Manual and Signet, authorize and appoint to be the Administrator of the Government of Our said Island;—such powers and authorities to be by him executed and enjoyed during Our pleasure; but if upon your death, or absence out of Our said Island and its Dependencies, there be no person upon the place commissioned and appointed by Us to be Our Lieutenant-Governor, or specially appointed by Us to administer the Government within Our said Island and its Dependencies, Our Will and Pleasure is, that until your return from any such absence, or until Our further Pleasure shall be known, the Colonial Secretary for Our said Island for the time being shall take upon him the administration of the Government thereof, and shall execute this Our Commission and the aforesaid Instructions and the several powers and authorities therein contained, in the same manner, and to all intents and purposes, as other Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief should or ought to do.

Administration of the Government in the event of the death or absence of the Governor,

And We do hereby require and command all Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the Inhabitants of Our said Island and of its Dependencies, to be obedient, aiding, and assisting you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON in the execution of this Our Commission, and of the powers and authorities herein contained.

All Officers and other persons to be aiding to the Governor, &c.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves, at Westminster, the Ninth day of November, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.

E. ROMILLY.



THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

VICTORIA *R.*

INSTRUCTIONS to Our Trusty and Well-beloved KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, or, in his absence, to the Officer for the time being Administering the Government of the said Island. Given at Our Court at Windsor this Ninth day of November, 1852, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

I.

WHEREAS by a Commission under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing even date herewith, We did constitute and appoint you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island, and of all Forts and Garrisons erected and established, or which should be erected and established within the same, and did further require and command you to do and execute all things in due manner that should belong to your said Command, and the trust We had reposed in you, according to the several powers and directions granted to or appointed for the Governor of Our said Island for the time being in and by the Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet, therein referred to, and according to such further powers, instructions, and authorities, as should from time to time be granted or appointed you under our Signet and Sign Manual, or by Our Orders in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and according to such Laws as are now in force in the said Island of Newfoundland, or such as shall hereafter be made and enacted by virtue of certain therein recited Acts of Parliament: Now, therefore, by these Our Instructions under Our Royal Sign Manual, and Signet, being the Instructions so referred to in Our said Commission, We do declare Our pleasure to be, that you shall, with all due solemnity,

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Governor's Commission
to be read and published.

Oaths to be taken by the
Governor.

cause Our said Commission to be read and published in the presence of Our Chief Officers and other the Principal Inhabitants of the said Island, and you shall then and there take the Oaths appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the First year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled "An Act for the further security of His Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors," as altered and explained by an Act passed in the Sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance, and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled "An Act for the improvement of the Union of the Two Kingdoms as after the time therein limited requires the delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned, to persons indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason;" or in lieu thereof the Oath required to be taken by an Act passed in the Tenth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects," according as the said former Acts or the said last mentioned Act shall be applicable to your case; and likewise that you take the usual Oath for the due execution of the Office of our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island, and for the due and impartial administration of Justice; which said Oaths the Chief Justice for the time being of Our said Island shall, and he is hereby required to, tender and administer unto you.

II.

Oaths of Allegiance to be
administered to persons
holding offices of trust.

And we do authorize and require you, from time to time, and at any time hereafter, by yourself, or by any other to be authorised by you in that behalf, to administer and give to all and every person or persons as you shall think fit, or who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit, who shall at any time or times pass into our said Island, or be resident therein, the Oath commonly called the Oath of Allegiance, save only in cases wherein any other Oath or Oaths is or are prescribed by the Statutes in that behalf made, or by any of these Statutes, in which cases it is Our pleasure, and We do hereby direct, that you do administer to such persons such other Oath or Oaths as aforesaid.

III.

Members of Council.

And We do authorise and require you to call together the following persons, whom We do hereby appoint to be Members of Our Council in Our said Island, any three of whom to be a quorum—Videlicet—the Senior Officer in Command of Our Land Forces for the time being of Our said Island, next after Our Governor thereof for the time being; the Attorney General for the time being of Our said Island; the Colonial Sec-

retary for the time being of Our said Island ; William Thomas, William Bickford Row, Joseph Noad, Charles F. Bennett, Lawrence O'Brien, Thomas Job, and James Grieve, Esquires ; and We do hereby authorize and empower you to suspend any of the Members of Our said Council, in the manner hereinafter provided, from sitting, voting, and assisting therein, if you shall find just cause for so doing ; and if it shall at any time happen that by the death, departure out of Our said Island and its Dependencies, suspension of any of Our said Councillors, or otherwise, there shall be a vacancy in Our said Council, Our will and pleasure is that you signify the same to Us by the first opportunity, that We may under Our Signet and Sign Manual constitute and appoint others in their stead. But that Our affairs at that distance may not suffer for want of a due number of Councillors, if ever it shall happen that there be less than Seven of them residing in Our said Island and its Dependencies, you are hereby authorized to choose as many persons out of the principal freeholding Inhabitants of Our said Island and its Dependencies, as will make up the number of Our Council to be Seven, and no more, which persons, so chosen and appointed by you, shall be to all intents and purposes Councillors for Our said Island and its Dependencies, until either they are confirmed by Us, or that by the nomination of others by Us, under Our Sign Manual and Signet, Our said Council shall have Seven or more persons in it ; and you are from time to time to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, the names and qualifications of any Members by you put into Our said Council, by the first opportunity after so doing.

Vacancies in Council
—how filled up.

IV.

You are to communicate forthwith such of these Our Instructions to Our said Council, wherein their advice and consent are mentioned to be requisite, and likewise all such others from time to time as you shall find convenient for Our service to be imparted to them.

Instructions to be communicated to the Council.

V.

You are to permit the members of Our said Council to have and enjoy freedom of debate and vote in all affairs of public concern that may be submitted to their consideration in Council ; and We do hereby direct that all proceedings and votes of Our said Council shall be reduced to writing and regularly entered on the Council books.

Members of Council to have freedom of Debate and vote.

VI.

You are neither to augment nor diminish the number of the members of Our said Council as already established, nor to suspend any of them without good and sufficient cause, nor without the consent of the majority of the said Council, signified in Council, after due examination of the charge against such Councillor and his answer thereunto ; and in the

Council not to be augmented or diminished.

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case of the suspension of any of them, you are to cause your reasons for so doing, together with the charges and proofs against such Councillor, and his answer thereunto, to be duly entered upon the Council book, and forthwith to transmit copies thereof to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State ; nevertheless, if it should happen that you should have reasons for suspending any of the members of Our said Council not fit to be communicated to Our said Council, you may in that case suspend such member without such consent of the majority of the Council as aforesaid ; but you are thereupon immediately to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, an account of your proceedings therein, together with your reasons at large for such suspension, and also your reasons for not communicating the same to Our Council.

VII.

And whereas effectual care ought to be taken to oblige the members of Our said Council to a due attendance therein, and thereby to prevent the inconveniences that may happen from the want of a quorum to transact business, as occasion may require ; it is Our will and pleasure that if any of the members of Our said Council shall hereafter absent themselves from the said Island, and continue absent above the space of six months together, without leave from you first obtained, under your Hand and Seal, or shall remain absent for the space of one year successively, without leave given them under Our Royal Sign Manual and Signet, or shall become bankrupt or be declared insolvent, his or their place or places in the said Council shall immediately thereupon become void ; and that if any of the Members of Our said Council residing within Our said Island, shall hereafter absent themselves when duly summoned, without a sufficient cause, and shall persist in such absence after being thereof admonished by you, you are to suspend the said Councillors so absenting themselves, until Our further Will and Pleasure therein be known, giving immediate notice thereof to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State ; and We do hereby will and require that this Our Royal Pleasure be signified to the members of Our said Council, and entered into the Council book as a Standing Rule.

VIII.

You are authorised and directed, with the advice and consent of Our said Council, from time to time, as need shall require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the freeholders and householders within the said Island and its Dependencies within your Government, in such manner and form, and according to such powers and authorities as are hereinafter appointed by these Instructions, or according to such further powers and authorities as shall be at any time hereafter granted or appointed under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our order in Our Privy Council, and according to the laws of Our said Island in that behalf made and pro-

Absence of Members of Council on leave or otherwise.

Governor empowered to summon General Assemblies, &c.

vided ; and Our Will and Pleasure is, that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the freeholders and householders of the respective Towns and Districts, and so returned, shall, before their sitting, take the Oath commonly called the Oath of Allegiance, which Oaths you shall commission fit persons, under the Seal of Our said Island and its Dependencies, to tender and administer unto them ; and until the same shall be so taken, no person shall be capable of sitting, though elected ; and We do hereby declare that the persons so elected and qualified, shall be called and deemed the General Assembly of Our said Island of Newfoundland ; and you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, by and with the advice and consent of Our said Council and Assembly, or the major part of them respectively, shall have full power and authority to make, constitute and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, for the public peace, welfare, and good Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies, and the people and inhabitants thereof, and such others as shall resort thereto, and for the benefit of Us, Our Heirs and Successors ; which said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, are not to be repugnant but as near as may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Oaths of Allegiance to be administered to members.

General Assembly empowered to enact Laws, &c.

IX.

And it is Our further Will and Pleasure, that all such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, of what nature or duration soever, be, within three months or sooner after the making thereof, transmitted to Us, under the Public Seal of Our said Island and its Dependencies, for Our approbation or disallowance of the same, as also duplicates thereof by the next conveyance. And in case any or all of the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, not before confirmed by Us, shall at any time be disallowed and not approved, and so signified by Us, our Heirs and Successors, under Our or their Sign Manual and Signet, or by order of Our or their Privy Council, unto you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, or to the Officer administering the Government of Our said Island for the time being, then such and so many of the said Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, as shall be so disallowed and not approved, shall from thenceforth cease, determine, and become utterly void and of none effect ; anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And to the end that nothing may be passed or done by Our said Council and Assembly, to the prejudice of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We will and ordain that you, the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, shall have and enjoy a negative voice in the making and passing such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, as aforesaid : and that you, or, in your absence, the Officer Administering the Government, shall and may, from time to time, as you or he shall judge it necessary, adjourn, prorogue, or dissolve all General Assemblies as aforesaid.

Copies of Acts to be transmitted for the signification of the Royal pleasure thereon.

Acts disallowed, to be void.

X.

And whereas by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United

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Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the second of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-two, in the Second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and by Instructions under his Royal Signet and Sign Manual bearing date the Twenty-seventh day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-two, his said late Majesty did authorise and empower SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight, then Governor of Newfoundland, to summon General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Householders within the said Island. And whereas General Assemblies were afterwards elected and holden in and for the said Island, under and by virtue of the said last mentioned Commission and Instructions, and under and by virtue of other Commissions and Instructions from time to time issued by Us. And whereas by an Act passed in the Sixth year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland," it was enacted among other things that it should be lawful for Us, in the manner therein provided, to establish a qualification in respect of income or property, in right of which any person might thereafter be elected to serve as a Member of the said Assembly; and in manner aforesaid to determine the length of the period of residence which should be required in addition to any other qualification for voting at such elections, or for being elected to serve as a Member of the Assembly; and to restrain, in manner therein provided, appropriations of monies to the public service by the said Assembly; and to require that all Elections of Members to serve in the said Assembly should be simultaneous. And whereas by the said last mentioned Act it was provided and enacted that no change which should be made thereby in the Constitution of the said Island should continue for a longer time than the First day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-six, unless Parliament should otherwise determine. And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Ninth and Tenth years of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to continue till the First day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven, certain of the provisions of an Act of the Fifth and Sixth years of Her present Majesty's Reign for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland," it was enacted that the changes made in the Constitution of the said Island under the said recited Act, should continue in force until the First of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven: And whereas by a Commission under the Great Seal aforesaid, bearing date the Twenty-seventh of August One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two, and by Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual, bearing date the First of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two, We did, in pursuance of the powers reserved to Us by the said first recited Act, make certain changes in the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, in respect to the qualifications of Members of the Assembly, and the period of residence necessary to qualify Electors for and Members of such Assembly, and in respect of holding elections for such Assembly simultaneously, and limit-

ing the duration thereof, and in respect of restraining the appropriation of public funds by the said Assembly : And whereas General Assemblies have been since elected and holden in and for the said Island under and by virtue of the said last mentioned Commission and Instructions, and under and by virtue of other Commissions and Instructions from time to time issued by Us. And whereas by the hereinbefore recited Act passed in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign, and intituled " An Act to render " permanent certain parts of the Act for amending the Constitution of " Newfoundland," so much of the said Act as is therein and herein recited was rendered permanent. And whereas by a certain other Commission under the Great Seal aforesaid, bearing even date with these presents, we have nominated and appointed you the said KER BAILLIE HAMILTON to be our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and have required and commanded you to do and execute all things in due manner that shall belong to your said Command, and to the trust thereby reposed in you, according to the several powers and directions granted or appointed in and by these Our Instructions, or otherwise as in the said Commission provided. Now, by these Our Instructions under Our Signet and Sign Manual, We do, in pursuance and exercise of the powers vested in Us by the said recited Acts, declare Our pleasure in respect of the premises to be as follows :—

The qualification for all persons to be hereafter elected to serve as Members of the Assembly of Newfoundland, shall be fixed at a net annual income, arising from any source whatever, of One Hundred Pounds, or the possession of property clear of all encumbrances, exceeding Five Hundred pounds in amount or value.

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XI.

The length of the period of residence within any Electoral District in the said Island, which shall be required in addition to any other qualification for voting at elections for the General Assembly within such district, or for being elected thereto, shall be the period of two years next preceding such election.

Qualifications for members of the Assembly.

of voting laws

Assembly

And for voters, &c.

of persons who have never resided in the Colony

XII.

The Assembly is hereby restrained from appropriating to the public service within the said Island any part of the public Revenue thereof, in cases where such services shall not have been previously recommended, or such grants of money shall not have been previously asked by Us or on our behalf.

Money votes to originate with Her Majesty.

to which the Royal Assent has been refused

XIII.

All Elections of members to serve in the said Assembly shall be simultaneous, and shall be completed within the period of ten days from the day of the receipt by the Returning Officer of each district of the Writ authorising such election: and the Polling at every such election shall be

Elections to be simultaneous, &c.

completed within eight successive hours next immediately following the commencement of each Polling.

Governor empowered to issue Writs for elections, &c.

XIV.

And whereas by Proclamation bearing date the Twenty-sixth day of July, in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, the said Island was divided into nine districts, for the purpose of the election of the Members of the Assembly of the said Island: Now We do hereby authorize and empower you, from time to time, to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the Office of Returning Officer in each of the said districts; and you are, so soon as you shall see expedient, to issue writs in Our Name, directed to the proper Officers in each district, directing them to summon Freeholders and Householders thereof, to proceed to the election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the regulations and directions hereinbefore contained in these Instructions, and such other regulations and directions as shall be signified by you in a Proclamation to be by you for that purpose issued, and according to the laws of Our said Island now in force or hereafter to be in force, in that behalf.

Style of enacting laws.

XV.

You are to observe in the passing of all laws that the style of enacting the same be by the Governor, Council, and Assembly.

Laws affecting the Constitution of the Assembly.

XVI.

You are not to give your assent to any law or laws to be passed, by which the number of the Assembly shall be enlarged or diminished, the duration ascertained, the qualifications of the electors or elected fixed or allowed, or by which any regulations shall be established with respect thereto, until you shall have first transmitted to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, the Draft of such Bill or Bills, and shall have received Our Royal Pleasure thereupon; unless you take care, in the passing of such Bill or Bills, that a clause or clauses be inserted therein, suspending and deferring the execution thereof until Our will and pleasure shall be known thereupon.

No law to which the Royal Assent has been refused, to be re-enacted.

XVII.

And you shall not re-enact any law to which the assent of Us or Our Royal Predecessors has once been refused, without express leave for that purpose first obtained from Us, upon a full representation by you, to be made to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, of the reasons and necessity for re-enacting such law.

XVIII.

No law for constituting any Court or Courts of Judicature, or for estab-

lishing the Militia, shall be a temporary law, and no law for granting unto Us any sum or sums of money by duties of Import, Tonnage, or Excise, shall be made to continue for less than one whole year; nor shall any other laws whatsoever be made to continue for less than two years, except only in cases where it may be necessary, upon some unforeseen emergency, to make provision by law for a service in its nature temporary and contingent.

No Law establishing Courts or Militia to be temporary.

XIX.

You are also as much as possible to observe, in the passing of all laws, that each different matter be provided for by a different law, without intermixing in one and the same Act such things as have no proper relation to each other; and you are more especially to take care that no clause or clauses be inserted in or annexed to any Act, which shall be foreign to what the Title of such respective Act imports, and that no perpetual Clause be part of any temporary Law, and that no Act whatever be suspended, altered, continued, revived, or repealed, by general words, but that the title and date of such Act so suspended, altered, continued, revived, or repealed, be particularly mentioned in the enacting part.

Each different matter to be provided for by a different Law: and no clause foreign to the title to be introduced.

XX.

And you are particularly enjoined not to pass any Law, or to do any act, by grant, deed, conveyance, or otherwise, whereby Our Revenue may be lessened, or impaired, without Our especial leave and command therein.

Laws affecting the Revenue.

XXI.

It is Our Will and Pleasure that you do not give your assent to any Bill or Bills for raising money by the institution of any public or private Lotteries.

Lotteries.

XXII.

It is Our Will and Pleasure that you do not on any pretence whatever, give your assent to or pass any Bill or Bills in Our Island under your Government, by which the Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of Persons who have never resided within Our said Island, shall be liable to be seized or taken in execution for the recovery of debts due from such persons, otherwise than is allowed by Law in cases of a like nature in Our Realm of England, until you shall have transmitted unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, the Draft of such Bill or Bills, and shall have received Our Royal pleasure thereupon, unless you take care in the passing of such Bill or Bills, that a Clause or Clauses be inserted therein, suspending and deferring the execution thereof until Our Royal Will and Pleasure shall be known thereupon.

Bills affecting the property of persons who have never resided in the Colony.

XXIII.

It is Our further Will and Pleasure that you do not, upon any pre-

Bills for the Naturalization of Aliens—Divorce Bills, &c.

tence whatsoever, give your assent to any Bill or Bills that may have been, or shall hereafter be passed by the Council and Assembly of the Island under your Government for the Divorce of Persons joined together in Holy Matrimony, nor for establishing a title in any person to lands, tenements, and real estates in Our Island and its Dependencies, originally granted to or purchased by Aliens antecedent to naturalization.

XXIV.

Bills of an unusual and extraordinary nature.

Whereas great mischiefs may arise by the frequent passing of Bills of an unusual and extraordinary nature and importance, in the Plantations, which Bills remain in force there from the time of enacting until Our Pleasure be signified to the contrary; We do hereby will and require you not to pass or give your assent to any Bill or Bills passed in the Assembly, of an unusual and extraordinary nature and importance, whereby Our Prerogative or the Property of Our Subjects may be prejudiced, nor to any Bill or Bills whereby the Trade or Shipping of this Kingdom shall be in anywise affected, until you shall have first transmitted unto Us, through one of Our principal Secretaries of State, a Draft of such Bill or Bills, and shall have received Our Royal Pleasure thereupon; unless you take care in the passing of any such Bills, as aforementioned, that there be a Clause inserted therein, suspending and deferring the execution thereof until Our Pleasure shall be known concerning the same.

XXV.

Bills affecting private property.

You are also to take care that no private Act be passed, whereby the Property of any private person may be affected, in which there is not a saving of the Rights of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all bodies politic and corporate, and of all others except such as are mentioned in the said Act, and those claiming by, from, and under them: and further, you shall take care that no such private Act be passed without a clause suspending the execution thereof until the same shall have received Our Royal approbation. It is likewise Our Will and Pleasure, that you do not give your assent to any Private Act, until proof be made before you in Council, and entered in the Council Book, that public notification of the parties' intention to apply for such an Act was affixed to the doors of the several Churches, Chapels, or Places of Public Worship in the town or place where the premises in question lie, for three Sundays at least successively before any such Act shall be brought into the Assembly; and that a Certificate under your hand be transmitted with and annexed to every such private Act, signifying that the same has passed through all the forms above mentioned.

XXVI.

Bills for levying Money, Fines, &c.

You are to take care that in all Acts or Orders to be passed within Our said Island in any case for imposing fines and penalties, express men-

tion be made that the same is granted or reserved to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for the public uses of the said Island, and the support of the Government thereof, as by the said Act or Order shall be directed.

XXVII.

You are not to suffer any public money whatsoever, whether it be appropriated to any particular service or not by the Act granting the same, to be issued or disposed of otherwise than by Warrant under your hand, by and with the consent of the said Council; but the Assembly may, nevertheless, be permitted from time to time to view and examine the Accounts of money or value of money disposed of by virtue of laws made by them, as there shall be occasion.

Appropriation of the Public Money.

XXVIII.

You are to take care that fair Books of Accounts of all receipts and payments of all such money be duly kept, and in which Books shall be specified every particular sum raised or disposed of, together with the names of the persons to whom any payment shall be made, to the end that We may be satisfied of the right and due application of the Revenue of Our said Island, with the probability of the increase and diminution of it under every head and article thereof.

Public Accounts.

XXIX.

It is Our Will and Pleasure that you do in all things conform yourself to the provisions contained in an Act of Parliament passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to prevent Paper Bills of Credit hereafter to be issued in any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America from being declared to be a legal tender in payment of money, and to prevent the legal tender of such Bills as are now subsisting from being prolonged beyond the periods limited for recalling in and sinking the same;" and also of an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, to explain and amend the said recited Act passed in the Fourth Year of His Reign as aforesaid; and you are not to give your assent to, or pass any Act whereby Bills of Credit may be struck or issued in lieu of money, or for the payment of money either to you Our Governor, or to any person whatsoever, unless a clause be inserted in such Act declaring that the same shall not take effect until the said Act shall have been approved and confirmed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors.

Paper Bills of Credit.

XXX.

You are to transmit an authenticated and separate Copy of every Law, Statute, or Ordinance, that at any time hereafter shall be made or enact-

Commissioners to receive and give Orders to be signed by them.

Copies of all Acts to be transmitted for the signification of the Royal pleasure thereon.

ed within the Island under your Government under the Public Seal, unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, within three months or sooner after their being enacted, on pain of Our highest displeasure ; but if it shall happen that no Shipping shall come from Our said Island within three months after the making of such Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, the same are to be transmitted by the next conveyance after the making thereof, whenever it may happen, for Our approbation or disallowance of the same.

XXXI.

Preparation of Acts for transmission.

And it is Our further Will and Pleasure that the Copies and Duplicates of Acts that shall be transmitted as aforesaid, be fairly abstracted in the margins, and that there be inserted the several dates or respective times when the same passed in the Council and Assembly and received your assent ; and you are to be as particular as may be possible in your observations to be sent to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, upon every Act, that is to say, whether the same is introductive of a new law, declaratory of a former law, or does repeal a law then before in being ; and you are likewise to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, the reasons for the passing of such Laws, unless the same do fully appear in the preamble of the said Act.

XXXII.

Transcripts of Acts and Journals of Council to be furnished for transmission to England :

You are to require the Secretary of the Island under your Government, or his Deputy for the time being, to furnish you with transcripts of all such Acts and Public Orders as shall be made from time to time, together with Copies of the Journals of the Council, and that all such Copies be fairly abstracted in the margins, to the end that the same may be transmitted to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, which he is duly to perform, upon pain of incurring the forfeiture of his Office.

XXXIII.

Also Journals of the Assembly.

You are also to require from the Clerk of the Assembly of the said Island, or other proper Officer, transcripts of all the Journals and other proceedings of the said Assembly, and that all such transcripts be fairly abstracted in the margins, to the end that the same may in like manner be transmitted as aforesaid.

XXXIV.

Commissions to Judges and other Officers to be during pleasure only.

And it is Our further Will and Pleasure that all Commissions to be granted by you to any person or persons, to be Judges, Justices of the Peace, or other necessary Officers, be granted during Pleasure only.

XXXV.

You are to take care that all Writs be issued in Our Name, throughout Our said Island under your Government.

Writs.

XXXVI.

You shall not, by colour of any power or authority hereby or otherwise granted or mentioned to be granted to you, take upon you to give, grant, or dispose of, any office or place within Our said Island, which now is or shall be granted under the Great Seal of this Kingdom, or to which any person is or shall be appointed by Warrant under Our Sign Manual and Signet, any further than you may upon the vacancy of any such office or place, or upon the suspension of any such Officer by you, put in any person to officiate in the interim, until you shall have represented the matter to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Appointments to vacant Offices.

XXXVII.

And We do hereby authorize and empower you, in Our Name and on Our behalf, but subject nevertheless to such provisions as may be in that respect contained in any further Instructions which may from time to time be addressed to you by Us for that purpose, under Our Signet and Sign Manual, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to make and execute, in Our name and on Our behalf, under the Public Seal of Our said Island, grants of waste land to Us belonging within the same, to private persons, for their own use and benefit, or to any persons, bodies politic or corporate, in trust for the Public uses of Our subjects there resident, or any of them, and according to the provisions of the Laws and Statutes of Our said Island, now in force or hereafter to be in force, for regulating the mode of making and issuing such Grants.

Governor empowered to issue Grants of Waste Land.

XXXVIII.

And whereas We have by Our said Commission authorized you, upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his Office within Our said Island any Person exercising any Office or Place under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted or which may be granted by Us or in Our Name or under Our authority ; Now we do charge and require you that before proceeding to such suspension, you do signify, by a statement in writing to the person so to be suspended, the grounds of such your intended proceeding against him, and that you do call upon such person to communicate to you in writing a statement of the grounds upon which he may be desirous to exculpate himself, which statement and exculpation you will lay before the Executive Council ; and having consulted them thereupon, you will cause to be recorded in the minutes of the said Council whether they or the majority of them do or do not assent to the said suspension ; and if you thereupon proceed to such suspension, you are to transmit both of the said state-

Suspension of Officers.

ments, together with the minutes of Council, to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, by the earliest conveyance. But if in any case the interest of our service shall appear to you to demand that a person shall cease to exercise the powers and functions of his Office instantly, or before there shall be time to exercise the proceedings hereinbefore directed, you shall then interdict such person from the exercise of his powers and functions, preserving to him, however, until such proceedings shall have been taken, the emoluments and advantages of his Office.

XXXIX.

Of establishment of Courts
—Returns.

You are to transmit unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, with all convenient speed, a particular account of all establishments of Jurisdictions, Courts, Offices, and Officers, powers, authorities, fees, and privileges, granted and settled, or which shall be granted and settled within Our said Island and its Dependencies, as likewise an account of all the expenses attending the establishment of the said Courts, and of such funds as are settled and appropriated to discharge the same.

XL.

Officers of Customs ex-
empted from certain ser-
vices.

And whereas complaints have been made by the Officers of Our Customs in Our Plantations in America, that they have been frequently obliged to serve on Juries and personally to appear in Arms whenever the Militia is drawn out, and thereby are much hindered in the execution of their employments; Our Will and Pleasure is, that you take effectual care and give the necessary directions that the several Officers of Our Customs be excused and exempted from serving on Juries or personally appearing in Arms in the Militia, unless in case of absolute necessity, or serving any Parochial Offices which may hinder them in the execution of their duties.

XLI.

Appropriation of Forfeit-
ures, &c.

You shall not dispose of forfeitures or escheats to any persons until the Provost Marshal or other proper Officer have made inquiries by a Jury upon their Oaths, into the true nature thereof, nor until you shall have transmitted to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, a particular account of such forfeitures and escheats, and the value thereof, and shall have received Our directions thereupon; and you are to take care that the produce of the said forfeitures and escheats, in case We shall think proper to give you directions to dispose of the same, be duly paid by the Receiver of Our Casual Revenue, and that a full account thereof be transmitted to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, with the names of the persons to whom disposed of.

XLII.

Whereas you will receive from Our Commissioners for executing the

Office of High Admiral, a Commission constituting you Vice Admiral of Our said Island; you are hereby required and directed carefully to put into execution the several powers thereby granted to you.

Vice Admiralty. #

XLIII.

And whereas there have been great irregularities in the manner of granting Commissions in Our Plantations to Private Ships of War, you are to govern yourself, whenever there shall be occasion, according to the Commissions and Instructions granted in this Kingdom; but you are not to grant Commissions of Marque or Reprisal against any Prince or State, or their Subjects, in amity with Us, to any person whatsoever, without Our especial Commands.

Letters of Marque and Reprisal.

XLIV.

And whereas by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Seventeenth day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine, in the Third Year of Our Reign, We did erect, found, ordain, make and constitute the Island of Newfoundland to be a Bishop's See, and to be called from thenceforth the Bishopric of Newfoundland: It is Our Will and Pleasure that in the administration of the Government of the said Island, you shall be aiding and assisting to the Bishop, and to his Commissary or Commissaries, in the execution of this charge, and in the exercise of his Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, excepting only the granting Licenses of Marriages and the Probates of Wills.

Ecclesiastical affairs.

XLV.

We do enjoin and require that you take especial care that ALMIGHTY GOD be devoutly and truly served throughout your Government; that the Book of Common Prayer as by law established, be read each Sunday and Holyday, and the blessed Sacrament administered according to the rites of the Church of England; and in the matters relating to the celebration of Divine Worship, you are to advise with the Right Reverend Father in GOD the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland for the time being.

Divine Worship.

XLVI.

Upon the vacancy of any Ecclesiastical Benefice or of any Cure of Souls to which any Stipend shall be attached in Our said Island and its Dependencies, you will present to the said Bishop of Newfoundland for the time being, for institution to such vacant Benefice or Cure, any Clerk in Holy Orders of the United Church of England and Ireland, whom, upon the recommendation of the Bishop, or on other sufficient ground, you may deem to be the most proper person to fill such Benefice or Cure, and who shall have been actually resident within the said Island or its Dependencies, and officiating there as a Clerk in Holy Orders, for six Calendar Months at the least next before such Benefice shall have become vacant,

Presentations to Ecclesiastical Benefices.

or who, if not so resident or officiating within such Island, shall have been absent with the leave of the Diocesan or other lawful authority from some Cure of Souls within such Diocese to him appertaining. But if at the time of any such vacancy occurring, there shall not be resident within the said Island, any Clerk in Holy Orders of the said United Church, who shall have been resident and officiating therein as aforesaid, and whom you shall deem a proper person to fill such Benefice or Cure, then you shall forthwith report the circumstances to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to the intent that We may nominate some fit and proper person, being a Clerk in Holy Orders as aforesaid, to fill the said vacancy ; and We do enjoin and command you to present to the said Bishop, for institution to any such vacant Ecclesiastical Benefice, any Clerk who may be so nominated by Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

XLVII.

You are to inquire whether there be any Minister within your Government who preaches and administers the Sacrament in any Orthodox Church or Chapel without being in due Orders, and to give an account thereof to the said Bishop of Newfoundland.

Administration of the Sacrament by persons not in due Orders.

XLVIII.

And whereas doubts have arisen whether the powers of granting Licenses for Marriages and Probates of Wills, commonly called the Office of Ordinary, which We hereby reserve to you Our Governor, can be exercised by deputation from you to any other person within Our said Island under your Government ; it is Our express Will and Pleasure, and you are hereby directed and required not to grant deputations for the exercise of the said powers commonly called the Office of Ordinary, to any person or persons whatsoever in Our said Island under your Government.

Office of Ordinary.

XLIX.

And you are to take especial care that a table of Marriages, established by the Canons of the Church of England, be hung up in every Orthodox Church, and duly observed.

Canon Law of Marriages.

L.

It is Our Will and Pleasure that you recommend to the Legislature to enter upon proper methods for the erecting and maintaining Schools, in order to the training up of youth to reading and to a necessary knowledge of the principles of the Christian Religion ; you are not however to give your assent to any Act respecting religion, without a clause suspending its operation until Our Pleasure shall have been signified thereupon, un-

Education.



less a Draft thereof shall have been previously transmitted by you for Our consideration and approval.

LI.

And We do further direct, that in all matters arising within your Government, connected with the Education of Youth in the Principles of the Christian Religion according to the doctrine of the said United Church of England, or connected with the prevention of Vice and Profaneness, or connected with the Worship of Almighty God, or the promotion of Religion and Virtue, you be advising with the Bishop of Newfoundland, and be aiding him in the execution of all such designs and undertakings as may be recommended by the said Bishop for the promotion of any of the objects before mentioned, so far as such designs and undertakings may be consistent with the Law and with your Commission, and these Our Instructions.

Governor to advise with the Bishop in Ecclesiastical matters.

LII.

And whereas you will receive, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State a Book of Tables in blank, commonly called the Blue Book, to be annually filled up with certain Returns relative to the Revenue and Expenditure, Militia, Public Works, Legislation, Civil Establishment, Pensions, Population, Schools, Course of Exchange, Imports and Exports, Agricultural Produce, Manufactures, and other matters in the said Blue Book more particularly specified, with reference to the state and condition of Our said Island of Newfoundland : Now We do hereby signify Our Pleasure, that all such Returns be accurately prepared and punctually transmitted to Us from year to year, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and that no Officer in Our said Island within whose Department it may be to contribute any return or returns for the purposes aforesaid, or to prepare the same when so contributed, shall be entitled to receive or shall receive from you any Warrant for the payment of his Official Salary, which may become due and payable to him, so long as such duty shall be in arrear or remain unperformed.

Blue Book.

LIII.

And in case of any distress of any other of Our Plantations, you shall, upon application of the respective Governors thereof unto you, assist them with what aid the condition and safety of Our Island under your Government can spare.

Assistance to neighbouring Colonies.

LIV.

You shall likewise from time to time give unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, an account of the wants and defects of the Island under your Government, what are the chief products thereof, what improvements have been lately made, and what further improvements

Governor to report the wants, products, &c. of the colony.

you conceive may be made or advantage gained by trade, or in what way we may contribute thereunto.

LV.

Governor to take advice of Council in cases not provided for in these Instructions.

If anything shall happen which may be of advantage or security to Our Island and its Dependencies under your Government, which is not herein or by Our Commission provided for, We do hereby allow you, with the advice and consent of Our Council, to take order for the present therein ; giving unto Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, speedy notice thereof, so that you may receive Our ratification if We shall approve the same : Provided always, that you do not, under colour of any power or authority hereby given to you, commence or declare War without Our knowledge and particular commands therein.

LVI.

Emoluments of the Officer administering the Government in the Governor's absence.

When you shall happen to be absent from Our said Island, one full moiety of the salary and of all perquisites and emoluments whatsoever which would otherwise become due unto you, shall, during the time of your absence, be paid and satisfied unto Our Lieutenant Governor or Officer administering the Government for the time being, which We do hereby order and allot unto him for his maintenance, and for the better support of the dignity of Our Government.

LVII.

Governor to make reports of his proceedings.

And you are upon all occasions to send to Us, through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, a particular account of all your proceedings and of the condition of Affairs within your Government.

LVIII.

Powers reserved to revoke or amend the present Instructions.

And We do hereby reserve to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, or amend these Instructions, as to Us or them shall seem meet.

V. R.



PROCLAMATION.

JAMES CROWDY.
[L.S.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS it is Our will and purpose to summon and call a General Assembly of the Freeholders and Householders within Our Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies; and it is further Our will and purpose that the Writs to be issued for a General Election of members to serve in the said General Assembly shall be delivered to the respective Returning Officers for the several Electoral Districts of Our said Island on the Tenth Day of November next ensuing the date of these Presents: We do therefore by these Presents declare and make known to all Our loving Subjects within Our said Island that the said election of members of the said General Assembly shall, for the greater convenience of the electors of the same, be held at the several places herein-named within the said Districts respectively, as follows:—

The election of three members of the said Assembly for the District of St. John, shall be held at St. John's, Torbay, Portugal Cove, Petty Harbor, and Pouche Cove.

The election of four members of the said Assembly for the District of Conception Bay, shall be held at Harbor Grace, Upper Island Cove, Spaniards Bay, Bay Roberts, Port-de-grave, Cupids, Brigus, Harbor Main, Cat's Cove, Killegrews, Carbonear, Broad Cove, Western Bay, and Lower Island Cove.

The election of one member of the said Assembly for the District of Fogo shall be held at Fogo, Tilton Harbor, and Twillingate.

Preamble.

Places where Elections
are to be held:—

The election of one member of the said Assembly for the District of Bonavista, shall be held at Bonavista, King's Cove, Keels, Greenspond, Pincher's Island, and Salvage.

The election of one member of the said Assembly for the District of Trinity Bay shall be held at Trinity, Catalina, Heart's Content, Hant's Harbor, Old Perlican, and Bird Island Cove.

The election of one member of the said Assembly for the District of Ferryland shall be held at Ferryland, Cape Broyle, Toad's Cove, Witless Bay, Bay Bulls, and Renews.

The election of two members of the said Assembly for the District of Placentia and St. Mary shall be held at St. Mary's, Trepassey, Little Placentia, Sound Island, Isle of Valen, and Harbor Buffett in Long Island.

The election of one member of the said Assembly for the District of Burin shall be held at Burin, Great St. Lawrence, Fortune, and Lamaline.

The election of one member of the said Assembly for the District of Fortune Bay shall be held at Harbor Briton, Belloram, and Gaultois.

Result of Polls—Members to be publicly declared.

And it is Our will and pleasure, and We do by these Presents further order and direct, that the Elections to be holden as aforesaid, within the before-mentioned several Districts, shall be respectively opened, and the Candidates for Election respectively first nominated and declared, at St. John's, Harbor Grace, Bonavista, Trinity, Fogo, Ferryland, St. Mary's, Burin, and Harbor Briton, respectively; and at which places respectively the final result of the Polls taken, and the return of the Representative Member or Members who shall have been duly elected, be publicly declared.

Regulations and Directions for conducting Elections.

And for the conducting of the said Elections, and the due return of the Members so to be elected at the said General Election, it is Our will and pleasure that the following further regulations and directions be duly observed and kept, that is to say:—

That all the said Elections shall be simultaneous, and shall be completed within the period of Ten complete days from the day of the receipt, by the Returning Officer of each District, of Our Writ authorizing such election; and that the Polling at every such election shall be completed within eight successive hours next immediately following the commencement of each Polling.

That the Returning Officer of each respective District, upon receipt of Our Writ to him directed, shall immediately endorse upon it the day of his receiving it, and upon the same day the Returning Officer shall, at the principal place hereinbefore nominated and appointed for opening the

election and nominating the Candidates for election within the District specified in the Writ to him directed, at or about the hour of Ten o'clock of the forenoon of the said day, at the Polling Station of the place, make proclamation and read the Writ openly, and thereupon forthwith call upon the Electors to nominate the Candidates for Election.

That every Candidate proposed or offering himself for Election, and before he shall be put in nomination, shall produce or cause to be produced and delivered to the Returning Officer, a declaration on oath signed by the person proposed as a Candidate, and sworn before and duly attested by the Returning Officer, if the proposed Candidate shall be present at the nomination of Candidates, and which declaration shall be according to one of the forms set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed, respectively marked A. and B., as either of the said forms may be found most applicable to the proposed Candidate's qualification, according as the same may be founded on income or property,

And every such Candidate not being present at the nomination of Candidates as aforesaid, shall, before he shall be put in nomination for Election, cause to be produced and delivered to the Returning Officer of the District for which he shall be proposed as a Candidate, a declaration on oath signed by such proposed Candidate and duly sworn before and attested by any Stipendiary Justice of the Peace, and which declaration shall be made in one of the forms set forth in the Schedule hereunto subjoined, and respectively marked C. and D., as either of the said forms may be found most applicable to the proposed Candidate's qualification in respect to his income or property. And every such Candidate last mentioned, before being put in nomination, shall also cause to be produced and delivered to the Returning Officer a certificate signed by two Electors, who shall be present at the nomination of such Candidate at the place of Election, which Certificate shall be in the form E. set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed.

That if after Proclamation shall have been made and the Writ read, on the day of nomination as aforesaid, there shall not be, before the hour of Four o'clock of the afternoon of the same day, any greater number of Candidates proposed and duly nominated than the one or more Representative Members or Member prescribed in the Writ to be elected, then the Returning Officer shall, at or immediately after that hour, proclaim or return such one or more Candidates or Candidate (as the case may be) so duly nominated, as being duly Elected.

That if on the day of nomination of Candidates, and before the hour of Four o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, it shall be found that a greater number of Candidates are proposed and duly put in nomination than the number of Representative Members prescribed in the Writ to be elected, the Returning Officer shall, at the said hour of Four o'clock,

publicly declare the names of the Candidates so nominated, and then make proclamation that the Polls at such Election will be taken at all the Polling Stations of the District on the Sixth day after such nomination.

And the Returning Officer shall forthwith appoint his Deputies for taking the Polls at all the respective polling stations of the district, except the one at which he himself shall preside, and also without delay transmit to every such station a notice, written or printed, to be set up at every such station, notifying the Electors that the Polls will be taken on the day appointed for that purpose ; and for the convenience of taking the Polls, the Returning Officer shall at every polling station obtain the use of a house, or other convenient building, (not being a place of Public Worship,) or provide, where necessary, suitable booths for such purpose.

That the Returning Officer and his Deputies shall, before they proceed to the election, take and subscribe the oath as the same is in form set forth in the Schedule hereunto subjoined, before a Justice of the Peace, in the presence of two Electors of the District, who shall subscribe their names thereto. Provided nevertheless, that in such cases wherein there shall not be within convenient distance any Justice of the Peace for the said Officers to resort unto for administration of the said oath, then the Returning Officer, or any one of the Poll Clerks, shall be authorized and they are hereby respectively empowered to administer the said oath to the said Deputies, and in like manner any one of the said Deputies is also empowered to administer the said oath to the Returning Officer in the presence of two Electors as aforesaid.

That the Returning Officer shall appoint a Poll Clerk for each of the Polling Stations, who shall, before proceeding to take the Poll, take and subscribe the oath as the same is in form set forth in the Schedule hereunto subjoined, and which oath the Returning Officer and his Deputies are hereby respectively authorized to administer.

That the Returning Officer shall provide Polling Books wherein to register the names of the Candidates and the names and places of abode of the Electors or Voters in the form by Law prescribed.

That the Returning Officer shall give public notice within the district of all places where the Polling Stations will be established, and of the number of Booths or Places at such Stations, where more than one shall be appointed for taking the Polls ; and he shall in such notice specify the particular section, division, or portion of Voters for the district that will be assigned and entitled to vote at each particular Booth, Place, or Station ; and upon, against, or near to every such Booth, Place, or Station, he shall also affix a notice specifying the section, division, or portion of Voters that will be entitled to give their votes there.

That no Elector shall be permitted to vote out of the district wherein the dwelling house of his occupation, which gives him a qualification to vote, is situated; nor shall his vote be received at any other Station, Place, or Booth, than that which shall be assigned and appointed for that section, division, or portion of Electors in which such Voter shall be included in the division and classing of Voters to be hereafter by our Proclamation appointed and established. *Provided nevertheless*, that the Electors for the districts of Fogo, Bonavista, Placentia and St. Mary, Burin, and of Fortune Bay, shall give their votes respectively at such Polling Station as may to them be most convenient.

That the Returning Officer or his Deputy may enter apart on the Poll Book the name of any person claiming to vote for any Candidate on the ground of his two years' occupancy having been completed between the time of revising the last Registry of Voters and the day of election;—and the said officers respectively shall and may in any such cases decide on the validity of all such votes after the polling has ended, and before the enclosure and ensealing of the Poll Book.

That every Elector, on tendering his vote, and before his vote shall be received, shall declare to the Returning Officer or his Deputy, his true name, and the place where the Dwelling-house of his occupancy within the district for which he tenders his vote is situate, which particulars shall be duly entered in the Pool Book; and any Voter, before his vote shall be received and entered on the Poll Book, shall, if so required by, or on behalf of, any Candidate, or for any just cause that the Returning Officer or his Deputy shall deem fit, be duly sworn by the Returning Officer or his Deputy, and answer on oath the questions following, or either of them, as may be required:—

1st.—Are you the same person whose name and residence (*as A. B. of &c.*) are entered on the Book of Registry of Voters for this District for the year 1852, and do you now continue in possession of the same Household qualification as in the said Registry is mentioned?

2nd.—Have you already voted in this or any other polling place upon this present Election?

3rd.—(If the elector claims to vote on the ground of his two years' occupancy having been completed between the time of revising the last Registry of Voters and the day of Election.) Have you, as owner or tenant, and in which character, if in either, occupied within this District of (*naming the District*) a dwelling-house for and during the period of two whole years immediately preceding this day of Election?

That in pursuance of the Proclamation of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, bearing date the 26th day of July 1832, the vote of any Elector, being duly qualified, and whose name shall be duly registered in

the Book of Registration of qualified Voters at Elections, and whose dwelling house shall be situate at a distance of more than fifteen miles from the nearest place of Election within the District for which his vote is valid and may be tendered, may, without attending the Poll in person, give his vote by a written notice made and subscribed in the form which is set forth in the Schedule hereunto subjoined, and which notice shall be delivered to the Returning Officer or his Deputy at such polling place as the said Elector would be required to repair to if he gave his vote by personal attendance; but such Elector shall not, under the said privilege of voting by such notice as aforesaid, be exempt thereby from lawful exceptions being taken to the validity of his vote in the same manner as such exceptions might be taken if such Elector appeared and voted in person.

That on the day appointed to take the Polls at all the Polling Stations, the Booths or places of Poll shall be opened at Seven o'clock in the morning, and the Returning Officer or his Deputy shall then make Proclamation thereof; and at the hour of eight o'clock the said officers respectively shall commence taking the Polls, keeping them open for the space of Eight hours, and no longer, and finally closing at Four o'clock of the same day, unless before that hour the Elections be duly determined, or the Polling cease by consent of all the Candidates.

That the said officers respectively shall, at the close of the Poll at their respective stations, publicly proclaim the number of votes polled for each Candidate, and the said Officers and Poll Clerks respectively shall certify and sign the Poll Books and then enclose and seal them in presence of the Electors. That the Deputy Returning Officers shall then forthwith deliver or safely transmit the Poll Books so sealed to the Returning Officer, who shall on the day next ensuing the polling day, such day not being Sunday, but being Sunday, then on the Monday next ensuing, at the hour of Ten o'clock of the forenoon of the same day, at the principal polling station at which the Returning Officer himself shall preside, appoint a convenient time, and without unnecessary delay, when he shall, in presence of the Candidates and Electors, or such of them as choose to attend, publicly break open the seals of the Poll Books, and sum up the whole of the Polls, and declare the true number of votes given for each Candidate, and proclaim the name or names of the Candidates who shall have been duly elected.

That the Returning Officers and their Deputies respectively are hereby authorized and empowered to administer all such Oaths as are prescribed by law to be taken by the Electors and Witnesses in Election of Members of the General Assembly.

That the Returning Officers respectively shall, immediately after the due execution of the Writs, transmit the Poll Books, together with all affidavits, certificates and other documents incident to such Elections as

aforesaid, putting the same securely under cover and seal, directed to our Colonial Secretary at his Office in St. John's.

Given under the Great Seal of our Island of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in our said Island, the Twenty-eighth day of September, in the Sixteenth Year of our Reign, Anno Domini 1852.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved JAMES CROWDY, Esquire, Administrator of the Government of our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,
Acting Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

FORM OF OATH OF RETURNING OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTY.

I (name of Returning Officer or Deputy,) do swear that I will honestly, impartially, and without favour to any Candidate, take the Polls at this Election; and that I have not directly or indirectly received, nor will I hereafter directly or indirectly receive any money, gift or reward, promise, contract, or security for money or other reward, for or in respect of the conduct which I shall observe during the ensuing Election of a Member (or Members, as the case may be,) of the General Assembly for the district of (naming the district) or the return which I shall make at the close thereof, save and except such salary or other lawful compensation as I shall be entitled to receive in virtue of my appointment to and the just and faithful execution of my duty as Returning Officer (or Deputy Returning Officer, as the case may be) at this Election.

Signed (Deponent's name.)

Sworn at the day of 1852, in the presence of (signatures of two Electors) before me (signature of a Justice of the Peace, or other duly empowered authority.)

FORM OF POLL CLERK'S OATH.

I (name of Deponent) do swear that I will honestly, impartially, and without favour to any Candidate, take the Poll at this Election for a Member (or Members as the case may be,) of the General Assembly for

the district of (name of district) : And that I have not directly or indirectly received, nor will I hereafter directly or indirectly receive, any money, gift, reward, promise, contract, or security for money or other reward, for or in respect of the conduct I shall observe during the ensuing Poll, save and except such salary or other lawful compensation as I shall be entitled to receive in virtue of my appointment to and the faithful and just execution of my duty as Poll Clerk at the Election. And I do further swear that I will make a fair and true entry of all such persons as shall tender their votes before me to be by me taken, and return the same truly to the Returning Officer by whom I am appointed, whenever and so often as I shall be thereunto required of him.

(Signed by the Deponent.)

Sworn before me at _____ the _____ day of _____ 1852.

In presence of [Returning Officer's name.]

A.

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE RELATING TO QUALIFICATION OF INCOME OF £100.

I, A. B. of &c., [name and addition of the Candidate] do swear that I have occupied a dwelling-house as [owner or tenant] thereof, at [name of place where the dwelling-house is situate] in the Island of Newfoundland, for and during the period of two years next immediately preceding the day of this Election of a Member [or Members] of Assembly for the district of [naming the district]. And that I truly and *bona fide* am possessed of a net annual income of One Hundred Pounds sterling, according to the tenor and true meaning of Her Majesty's Royal Instructions declaring the qualification, in respect of Income or Property, for persons to be elected to serve as Members of the Assembly of Newfoundland : and that my said Income arises from and consists of (here specify the source from which the Income is derived.)

[Signature of Candidate.]

Sworn before me at &c. _____

B.

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE, IF HIS QUALIFICATION CONSISTS IN PROPERTY, BEING OF £500 IN AMOUNT VALUE, CLEAR OF ALL INCUMBRANCES.

I, A.B., of &c. (name and addition of Candidate) do swear that I have occupied a dwelling-house as (owner or tenant) thereof, at (name of place where the dwelling-house is situate) in the Island of Newfoundland, for and during the period of Two years next immediately preceding the day

of this Election of a Member or Members of Assembly for the district of _____ And that I truly and *bona fide* am possessed of property, clear of all incumbrances, of Five Hundred Pounds in amount or value, according to the tenor and true meaning of Her Majesty's Royal Instructions declaring the qualification in respect of Income or Property for persons to be elected to serve as Members of the Assembly of Newfoundland; and that my said property consists of (here specify the character and description of the property, and where situate.

(Signature of Candidate.)

Sworn before me at, &c.

C.

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE (IF HE SHALL NOT BE PRESENT AT THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES) RELATING TO QUALIFICATION OF INCOME OF £100.

I, A.B., of &c. (name and addition of Candidate) do swear that I truly and *bona fide* am possessed of a net annual income of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, according to the tenor and true meaning of Her Majesty's Royal Instructions declaring the qualification, in respect of income or property, for persons to be elected to serve as Members of the Assembly of Newfoundland; and that my said Income arises from and consists of (here specify the source from which the income is derived.)

(Signature of Candidate.)

Sworn before me at, &c., 1852.

D.

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE (WHEN HE SHALL NOT BE PRESENT AT THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES) IF HIS QUALIFICATION CONSISTS IN PROPERTY, BEING OF £500 IN AMOUNT OR VALUE, CLEAR OF ALL INCUMBRANCES.

I, A.B., of &c., (name and addition of Candidate) do swear that I truly and *bona fide* am possessed of property, clear of all incumbrances, of Five Hundred Pounds in amount or value, according to the tenor and true meaning of Her Majesty's Royal Instructions declaring the qualification in respect of income or property for persons to be elected to serve as Members of the Assembly of Newfoundland—and that my said property consists of (here specify the character and description of the property, and where situate.

(Signature of Candidate.)

Sworn before me at, &c., 1852.

E.

FORM OF CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATE.

We, (names and places of abode of two Electors of the District) do certify that we have good knowledge that (name of the Candidate) who is proposed to be put in nomination to be Elected a Member of the General Assembly of Newfoundland for the district of (name of the District) has occupied a dwelling-house as (owner or tenant) thereof at (place where dwelling-house is situated) in the Island of Newfoundland, for and during the period of Two years next immediately preceding the day of this Election.

(To be signed by two Electors.)

Dated at (place of nomination) this _____ day of _____ 1852.

FORM OF NOTICE OF VOTER PRIVILEGED TO VOTE BY SUCH NOTICE, WHEN HIS ABODE SHALL BE MORE THAN FIFTEEN MILES DISTANT FROM THE PLACE OF ELECTION.

To the Returning Officer for the District of _____

I, [name and place of abode of Elector] in the district of [name of District,] in the Island of Newfoundland, [occupation of Elector] having occupied a dwelling-house within the said District, for the period of two whole years next preceding the day of this Election of a Member [or Members, as the case may be] of the General Assembly for the said district, and being otherwise duly registered as an Elector, and duly registered as a Voter according to law, I do hereby give my vote for the election of (state the name of the Candidate or Candidates voted for) to be such Member [or Members, as the case may be.]

Dated at [Voter's place of abode] the _____ day of _____ 1852.

[Signed by the Elector.]

Witnesses to the Signature of the above-named Elector,

(Names of two Witnesses and places of abode.)

Which two Witnesses must sign a certificate at the foot of the above notice, in the following form :

We do certify that we verily believe that the matters set forth in the foregoing notice are true.

[Signatures of the above described two Witnesses.]

...the said John Hatchell, and where the said ...
...the said John Hatchell, and where the said ...
...the said John Hatchell, and where the said ...



PROCLAMATION.

JAMES CROWDY.
[L.S.]

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

WHEREAS by our Proclamation made and issued under the Great Seal of our Island of Newfoundland, and bearing date the Twenty-eighth day of the month of September last past, We have appointed and made known to our loving subjects the several Stations which We have established within the respective Districts of our said Island, for the purpose of holding the Elections and receiving the Votes and taking the Polls of Electors duly qualified to vote at the next ensuing General Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly of our said Island: And whereas We deem it requisite and necessary to appoint and establish the number of Places or Booths that shall be opened and held by the respective Returning Officers, or their Deputies, for receiving the votes of the said Electors and taking the Polls at every such station or place of Election. We do therefore by these presents further order and direct as follows, that is to say :

That for the DISTRICT OF SAINT JOHN there shall, at St. John's, be Eleven Booths ; and that at Torbay there shall be Two Booths or Polling Places ; and at Portugal Cove, Pouch Cove, and Petty Harbor respectively, there shall be One Booth or Polling Place.

District of St. John's.

And for the greater convenience of taking the Polls at the said Stations respectively, We do further order and direct that the said District of St. John shall be divided into Five Sections, and for this purpose, be respectively denominated the St. John's, the Torbay, the Pouch Cove, the Portugal Cove and the Petty Harbor Sections, and the division and limitation of the said Sections shall be as follows, that is to say :

That the Saint John's Section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the centre of Sugar Loaf, on the South side of Logy Bay, thence running in a straight line Westwardly to the South-West angle of a lot of land granted to John Hatchett, and where the said angle abuts on the road to Outer Cove, thence following the said road Northerly, to a cross road which divides a lot of land granted to Henry Emerson, Esquire, and known as "Virginia Cottage," from a lot of land granted to Patrick Butler; thence following the said cross-road Northerly and Westerly to a lot of land granted to Anne Haly, thence following the Eastern and Northern boundary lines of the said Anne Haly's lot to the Torbay road, thence in a straight line Northwesterly to the North-eastern end of Newfoundland Pond, thence along the Shore of the said pond to the South-west end thereof—thence Southerly along the Western boundary line of a lot of land granted to James Whelan, until the same strikes the Portugal Cove road—thence in the same direction to Windsor Lake, thence Southeasterly along the said Lake to the eastern end thereof—thence Westerly following the windings of the shore of the said Lake to the most South-western point of the same, and thence running, by the Magnet, West, until it strikes the district line—thence following the said district line Southeasterly until it meets the boundary line of the Petty Harbor division—thence Easterly along the boundary line last mentioned to the sixth mile mark on the Petty Harbor road, and thence following the said boundary line Easterly to the Flag Staff near the Light House on Cape Spear, and thence North-easterly following the windings of the shore to Sugar Loaf aforesaid.

That the Torbay Section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the centre of Sugar Loaf on the South side of Logy Bay, thence running in a straight line Westerly to the Southwest angle of a lot of Land granted to John Hatchett, and where the said angle abuts on the road to Outer Cove—thence following the said road Northerly to a cross road which divides a lot of Land granted to Henry Emerson, Esquire, known as "Virginia Cottage," from a lot of Land granted to Patrick Butler—thence following the said cross-road Northerly and Westerly to a lot of Land granted to Anne Haly—thence following the Eastern and Northern boundary lines of the said Anne Haly's lot, to the Torbay road—thence in a straight line North-westerly to the North-eastern end of Newfoundland Pond—thence in a straight line to Baleine Head inclusive, on the South-eastern shore of Conception Bay, and thence following the windings of the said shore Northerly to the Southern boundary line of the Pouch Cove Section hereinafter described; thence, by the said line Eastwardly to the shore, three miles North of Flat Rock, and thence by the windings of the shore south-eastwardly to the Sugar Loaf aforesaid.

That the Pouch Cove Section shall be bounded by a line commencing at a point on the shore three miles North of Flat Rock; thence bounded

by a line running due West to the South-eastern shore of Conception Bay ; and thence following the windings of the said shore Northwardly to Cape St. Francis, and thence South-eastwardly to the place of commencement.

That the Portugal Cove Section shall be bounded by a line commencing at Baleine Head on the South-eastern shore of Conception Bay, thence running in a straight line to the North-east end of Newfound Pond, thence along the shore of the said Pond to the South-west end thereof, thence Southerly along the Western boundary line of a lot of Land granted to James Whelan, until the same strikes the Portugal Cove road—thence in the same direction to Windsor Lake—thence South-easterly along the said Lake to the Eastern end thereof, thence Westerly, following the windings of the shore of the said Lake to the most South-western point of the same, and thence running, by the Magnet, West, until it strikes the district line, thence following the said district line Northerly until the same strikes the shore of Conception Bay, and thence following the direction of the shore of the said Bay Northerly and Easterly to the said Baleine Head—the said district to include Belle Isle and Kelly's Island.

That the Petty Harbor Section shall be bounded by a line commencing at the Flag-staff near the Light-house on Cape Spear—thence running in a straight line Westerly to the sixth mile mark on the Petty Harbor road, and thence still preserving the same straight line to the district line running from Broad Cove to Petty Harbor—thence following the said district line South-easterly to the shore, and thence along the shore to the Flag-staff aforesaid.

And We do further order and direct that all Electors duly qualified to vote at the Election of Members for the District of St. John, and dwelling within the boundaries of the St. John's Section as above described, shall give their votes at St. John's ; at which Station there shall be Eleven Booths opened for taking the Polls, and which Booths shall be arranged so that the Electors may vote in alphabetical divisions according to the initial letters of their respective surnames, in the following order that is to say :

- That No. 1 Booth (which shall be divided into two compartments) shall be opened for, and limited to the Polling of such Electors only whose respective names begin with the letters A. or B.
- No. 2 Booth (to be divided into two compartments) for such Electors only whose respective names begin with the letter C.
- No. 3 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with either of the letters D. or E.
- No. 4 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with either of the letters F. or G.

No 5 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters H, I or J.

No. 6 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with either of the letters K or L.

No. 7 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with the letter M, and which Booth shall have two compartments for taking the Polls.

No. 8 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters N, O or P.

No. 9 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with either of the letters Q or R.

No. 10 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with either of the letters S or T.

No. 11 Booth, for such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters U, V, W, X, Y, or Z.

And the Returning Officer shall, to every of the said Booths at St. John's, affix thereupon, in conspicuous characters, the number of the Booth and the initial letters of the names of such Electors as are assigned to vote at each Booth respectively, in conformity with the foregoing rules and orders.

And We do further order and direct that all Electors whose dwellings are within the above described Torbay Section, shall deliver their votes at Torbay; and that all Electors whose dwellings are within the boundaries of the Pouch Cove, Portugal Cove, and Petty Harbor Sections respectively, as the same are hereinbefore described and limited, shall deliver their votes at Pouch Cove, Portugal Cove, and Petty Harbor respectively.

And We do further order and direct that for the Elections for the DISTRICT OF CONCEPTION BAY, there shall be Booths or places for taking the Polls opened at the several stations as follows, that is to say :

That at Harbor Grace there shall be Four Booths opened for receiving the Votes and taking the Polls of all Electors dwelling between the South Point of Carbonear and Feather Point, and which Booths shall be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, and be so arranged that the electors may deliver their votes in alphabetical divisions, according to the initial letters of their respective surnames, in the following order :

That No. 1 Booth shall be opened for and limited to the Polling of such electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters A, B, C, D or E.

No. 2 Booth, for such electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters F, G, H, I, J, K, or L.

No. 3 Booth, for such electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters M, N, O, P, or Q.

No. 4 Booth, for such electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, or Z.

That there shall be One Booth opened at Upper Island Cove, at which Electors dwelling between Feather Point and Bread-and-Cheese or Bishop's Cove, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes.

And that there shall be at Spaniard's Bay One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Bread-and-Cheese or Bishop's Cove, and the north side of Spaniard's Bay Gut, shall deliver their votes.

That at Bay Roberts there shall be One Booth at which Electors dwelling between the South-side of Spaniard's Bay Gut and Long Beach, inclusive, shall deliver their votes.

That at Port-de-Grave there shall be One Booth at which Electors dwelling between Long Beach and the North side of Port-de-Grave Northern Gut shall deliver their votes.

That at Cupids there shall be One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between the South-side of Port-de-Grave Northern Gut and Cupids, including the latter place, and also at which Electors dwelling between Cupids and Burnt Head, shall deliver their votes.

That at Brigus there shall be One Booth at which Electors dwelling between Cupids and the North-side of Turk's Gut, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes.

That at Cat's Cove there shall be One Booth at which Electors dwelling between the South-side of Turk's Gut and Gaster's Salmon Cove, inclusive, shall deliver their votes.

That at Harbor Main there shall be One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Gaster's Salmon Cove and the North-side of Holyrood Southern Gut, inclusive of the latter place, shall deliver their votes.

That at Kelligrews there shall be One Booth at which Electors dwelling between the South-side of Holyrood Southern Gut, inclusive, and Broad Cove, shall deliver their votes.

That at Carbonear there shall be Four Booths respectively numbered 1, 2, 3, & 4, at which Electors dwelling between the South Point of Carbonear, and Salmon Cove, inclusive, shall deliver their votes in alphabetical divisions, according to the initial letters of their respective surnames, in the following order:

That No. 1 Booth shall be opened for and limited to the polling of such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters, A, B, C, or D.

No. 2 Booth shall be opened for and limited to the polling of such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters E, F, G, H, I, J, K, or L.

No. 3 Booth shall be opened for and limited to the polling of such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters M, N, O or P.

No. 4 Booth shall be opened for and limited to the polling of such Electors only whose respective names begin with any one of the letters Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, or Z.

And the Returning Officer shall, upon all such Booths appointed as aforesaid to be opened at Harbour Grace and Carbonear, affix thereupon, in conspicuous characters, the number of the Booth, and the initial letters of the names of such Electors as are hereby assigned to vote at each Booth respectively.

That at Broad Cove (near Western Bay,) there shall be One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Salmon Cove and Adam's Cove, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes.

That at Western Bay there shall be One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Adams Cove and Gull Island Cove, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes.

That at Lower Island Cove there shall be One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Gull Island Cove and Bay-de-Verds Head shall deliver their votes.

District of Fogo.

And We do further order and direct that for the Election of One Member for the DISTRICT OF FOGO, there shall be opened at Fogo One Booth, at Tilton Harbor One Booth, and at Twillingate Two Booths, at which Electors may deliver their votes.

And that for the Election of One Member for the DISTRICT OF BONAVISTA, there shall be opened at Bonavista One Booth, at King's Cove One Booth, at Keels One Booth, at Salvage One Booth, at Greenspond One Booth, and at Pincher's Island One Booth, at which Electors may deliver their votes.

District of Trinity.

And that for the Election of One Member for the DISTRICT OF TRINITY, there shall be opened at Trinity Two Booths, at which Electors dwelling between the South Head of Catalina and Random South Head, shall deliver their votes: Also at Catalina One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Bird Island Cove and the South Head of Catalina shall deli-

ver their votes: Also at Bird Island Cove One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Cape Bonavista and Bird Island Cove, inclusive, shall deliver their votes: Also at Heart's Content One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Random South Head and Sugar Loaf Head shall deliver their votes: Also at Hant's Harbor One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Sugar Loaf Head and Salvage shall deliver their votes: And also at Old Perlican One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Salvage and Bay-de-Verds Head shall deliver their votes.

And We do further order and direct that for the Election of One Member for the DISTRICT OF FERRYLAND, there shall be opened at Ferryland One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Cape Broyle and Aquaforte, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes: Also at Cape Broyle One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between La Manche and Cape Broyle, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes: Also at Toad's Cove One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between the South Head of Witless Bay and La Manche, including the latter place, shall deliver their votes: Also at Witless Bay One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between the North Head and the South Head of the said Bay, shall deliver their votes: Also at Bay Bulls One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Petty Harbor and the North Head of Witless Bay shall deliver their votes: And also at Renewse One Booth, at which Electors dwelling between Aquaforte and Cape Race shall deliver their votes.

District of Ferryland.

And We do further order and direct that for the Election of Two Members for the DISTRICT OF PLACENTIA AND ST. MARY, there shall be One Booth opened at each of the following places, namely, at St. Mary's, Trepassey, Little Placentia, Sound Island, Isle of Valen, and Harbor Buffet in Long Island, at any one of which Booths the Electors dwelling within the said district may deliver their votes.

District of Placentia and St. Mary's.

And We do further order and direct that for the Election of One Member for the DISTRICT OF BURIN, there shall be One Booth opened at each of the following places, namely: at Burin, Great St. Lawrence, Lamaline, and Fortune, at any one of which Booths the Electors dwelling within the said district may deliver their votes.

District of Burin.

And We do further order and direct that for the Election of One Member for the DISTRICT OF FORTUNE BAY, there shall be One Booth opened at each of the following places, namely: at Harbor Briton, Belloram, and Gaultois, at any one of which Booths the Electors dwelling within the said district may deliver their votes.

District of Fortune Bay.

And We do further order and direct that the several Returning Officers, Deputy Returning Officers, and Poll Clerks, appointed and employed in their several offices at the said General Election, and being duly qualified to vote, shall and may be allowed to deliver their votes at their respective

Polling Stations without reference to any local or alphabetical rule or arrangement above made to the contrary in respect to certain voters in any of the Electoral Districts.

Given under the Great Seal of Our Island of Newfoundland, at St. John's, in Our said Island, the Twelfth day of October, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign, Anno Domini 1852.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved JAMES CROWDY, Esquire, Administrator of the Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,
Acting Secretary.

RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF

NEWFOUNDLAND.

I.

That six Members, including the Speaker, shall form a Quorum.

Quorum—6 Members inclusive of Speaker.

II.

That when the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the Chair.

Adjournment, Members keep seats.

III.

That whenever an adjournment takes place for want of a Quorum, the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the Members present, shall be inserted in the Journals; but no adjournment, for want of a Quorum, shall take place until the lapse of Thirty minutes after the hour at which the House was appointed to meet.

Adjournment for want of quorum.

IV.

That every day, immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the House.

Minutes read every day.

V.

That during the reading of the minutes the doors shall be closed.

Doors closed when minutes are being read.

Speaker decides questions of order.

That the Speaker shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

VII.

Speaker takes Chair, Black Rod at the door.

That the Speaker shall take the Chair when the Black Rod is at the door.

VIII.

Speaker's casting vote.

That the Speaker shall not take part in any debate, or vote, unless the House shall be equally divided, in which case he may give his reasons for so voting, standing uncovered.

IX.

Speaker decides points of order, and states rule for.

That when the Speaker is called upon to decide a point of order or practice, he shall state the rule applicable to the case.

X.

Members to address the Speaker.

That every Member, previous to his speaking to any question or motion, shall rise from his seat uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

XI.

Rule when 2nd Member rises

That when two or more Members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the Member who is first up, subject to appeal to the House.

XII.

Members present to vote.

That every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon, unless the House shall excuse him, or unless he be personally interested in the question, provided such interest is resolvable into a personal pecuniary profit, or such as is peculiar to the Member, and not in common with the interest of the subject at large, in which case he shall not vote.

Members excused from voting.

XIII.

Rule when the Speaker puts a question.

When the Speaker is putting a question, no member shall walk out, or cross the House ; nor when a Member is speaking, shall any other Members hold discourse which may interrupt him, nor pass between him and the Chair.

XIV.

When called to order.

That a Member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and all debate on the question of order shall take place before the decision of the Speaker.

XV.

That no Member shall speak beside the question in debate.

Not to speak beside the question.

XVI.

That any Member may of right require the question or motion in discussion to be read for his information, at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking.

Members may have question read.

XVII.

That no member, other than the one proposing a question or motion (who shall be permitted a reply) shall speak more than once on the same, without leave of the House, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misconceived, but then he is not to introduce new matter.

Not to speak more than once.

XVIII.

That any Member may at any time desire the House to be cleared of strangers, and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Serjeant-at-Arms to do so, without debate.

House may be cleared of strangers.

XIX.

That all Messages from this House to the Legislative Council be sent by two Members, to be named by the Speaker, accompanied by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

Messages to H. M. Council.

XX.

That when the House shall judge it necessary to request a conference with the Legislative Council, the reasons to be given by this House upon the subject of the conference shall be prepared and agreed to by the House before the Messengers shall be appointed to make the said request.

Conference with H. M. Council.

XXI.

That the Rules of the House shall be observed in Committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the Rule limiting the times of speaking.

Rules in Committee.

XXII.

That in forming a Committee of the whole House, before leaving the Chair, the Speaker shall appoint a Chairman to preside, subject to appeal to the House.

Speaker appoints Chairman.

XXIII.

That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or motion

Bills &c. referred to Committee.

upon any subject which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House, except in cases of controverted Elections.

XXIV.

Quorum of Select Committee.

That of the number of Members appointed to compose a Committee, such number thereof as shall be equal to a majority of the whole number chosen, shall be a quorum competent to proceed to business.

XXV.

In Committee of the whole, motion that Chairman leave the Chair always in order.

That in a Committee of the whole House, a motion that the Chairman leave the Chair shall always be in order, and take precedence of every motion, and that when the motion is made on account of any question of order or privilege arising, the Speaker shall resume the Chair without discussion or vote of the committee.

XXVI.

Motions in committee proposed in order.

That in committee of the whole House, all motions relating to the matter under consideration shall be put in the order in which they are proposed.

XXVII.

Division entered at request.

That the Yeas and Nays shall be taken and entered on the minutes at the request of any one Member.

XXVIII.

One day's notice of motion given, and exception.

That one day's notice shall be given of all motions for introducing new matter, other than matters of privilege and bringing up petitions.

XXIX.

Motion to adjourn in order.

That a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

XXX.

Motions withdrawn by permission.

That after a motion is read by the Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, with permission of the House.

XXXI.

Motion for commitment.

That a motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

XXXII.

Motion for charge upon the people referred to Committee of the whole.

That if any motion be made for any public aid, subsidy, duty, or charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereon shall not pre-

sently be entered upon, but adjourned till such further day as the House shall think fit to appoint, and shall be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and their opinion reported before any resolution or vote of the House do pass thereon.

XXXIII.

That it is the right of every member of this House to bring in a Bill and pray that it may be read.

Members may bring in Bills.

XXXIV.

Bills are seldom opposed at the first reading, but are generally committed, upon motion, at the second reading, at which time the principle is usually debated.

Principle of Bill at 2nd reading.

XXXV.

That no arguments against the principle of a Bill shall be had or admitted in any Committee of the whole House upon such Bill,

No argument against the principle in Committee.

XXXVI.

That no Bill shall be read twice on the same day ; that no Committee of the whole House shall proceed on any Bill on the same day in which the Bill is committed, unless the House, upon motion, shall see special cause for the same.

Not read twice on same day.

XXXVII.

That when a bill or petition is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back thereof.

Clerk to certify readings.

XXXVIII.

That in a Committee of the whole House a member may, at any time previous to a bill being passed entirely—that is to say, all the clauses, preamble, and title of the same—move to have any particular clause thereof that may have been passed, re-considered.

Clauses re-considered in Committee before Bill passes.

XXXIX.

That the allegations in every petition for a private bill, meant to originate in this House, shall be first referred to a Select Committee, and the matter thereof reported upon, before the introduction of any such bill.

Private Bills referred to Select Committee.

XL.

That when a private bill is brought from the other House, the principle of which is admitted, this House, by Message, may either request a communication of the evidence received in proof, the allegations, or matter whereon the bill is founded, or the Committee of this House to whom it

Private Bills from H. M. Council.

may be referred, shall examine the said allegations, and on reporting the bill, state whether the same, or matter thereof, be founded, and whether the parties concerned in interest or property therein, have given their consents, to the satisfaction of the committee.

XLI.

Instruction to Committee on private Bills.

That the foregoing be considered a standing instruction at all Committees who shall meet upon private Bills, and further, that they require all persons whose interest or property they shall consider to be affected thereby, to appear in person before them, to give their consent thereto; and if they cannot personally attend, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee; and that when any Committee shall be appointed on a private Bill, notice thereof shall be set up in the lobby of this House twelve days before the meeting of the said Committee.

XLII.

Same Bill not to be brought in twice.

That when any Bill, originating in this House, has once passed through its final stage in this House, no new Bill of the same matter and argument can afterwards be originated in this House during the same session.

XLIII.

Amendments on Bills by H. M. Council, and rules for.

That when any Bill shall be brought down to this House from the Honorable the Legislative Council, or when any Bill sent up from this House to the Legislative Council shall be returned with amendments, such Bill so brought down, or the amendments, shall undergo the same readings and formal consideration, and the same shall be committed, and be subjected to the same order, form, and stages, as are observed upon Bills originating in this House.

XLIV.

Rule for public and private Bills.

That every public Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the object of the Bill; or by a motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in; or by any order of the House on the report of a Committee; and that every private Bill, after the present session, shall be founded on a petition, notice of the intention of the petitioners having been inserted in the *Royal Gazette* for the period of one month previous to the meeting of the Legislature.

XLV.

Time for Petitions.

That all Petitions to be introduced, shall be brought in immediately after the minutes are read, and that such Petitions shall be read by the Clerk after the third reading of any Bills that may stand for that purpose on the order of the day.

XLVI.

That all orders of the day which, by reason of any adjournment, shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered as postponed till the next day on which the House shall sit, and shall stand first on the order of the day after the third reading of Bills and Addresses, and reading of Petitions.

Regulation for orders of the day.

XLVII.

That all accounts which shall in future be presented by any individual for work or labor done, or for articles furnished for the use of this House, shall be accompanied by satisfactory vouchers, specifying that the charges therein contained are the usual charges, and the commonly received prices for such work and labor, or for such articles furnished.

Accounts for work done, how furnished.

XLVIII.

Resolved,—That the Sergeant-at-Arms, attending this House, shall be entitled to take and receive the following fees, viz :

For taking a member of the House into custody.....	£2	2	0
For taking a stranger into custody.....	1	1	0
For every day in custody.....	0	10	0
For bringing a member of the House to the bar to be reprimanded.....	1	1	0
Bringing any other person to the bar to be reprimanded...	0	10	0

Fees for Sergeant-at-Arms.

XLXI.

That no rule adopted by this House shall be dispensed with, unless by consent of at least two thirds of the whole of the Representatives of the colony.

Rules not dispensed with but by consent.

L.

That the Chairman of every Committee upon any Bill which has been amended in Committee, shall, before the 3rd reading of such Bill, report to the House that he has examined such Bill, and that it has been correctly engrossed in accordance with the amendments made thereon.

Chairman of Committee on Bills to certify correctness of engrossing.

LI.

That no report of a Select Committee be received without being signed by a majority of the Committee.

Report not received unless signed by a majority of the Committee.

LII.

That on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the session notices of motion do take precedence of orders of the day.

LIII.

SOLICITOR'S FEES.

		Stg.	
Drafting Bill	£2	2	0
Examining drafted Bill	1	1	0
Attending Bill during its various stages.....	1	1	0

Solicitor's Fees.

LII RULES AND ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

CLERK'S FEES, AND CLERK ASSISTANT'S FEES.

Clerk's and Clerk Assistant's Fees.

	£0	6	8—Stg.	Stg.—£0	3	4
For every petition.....	0	6	8	0	3	4
“ “ notice	0	6	8	0	3	4
“ each reading.....	0	6	8	0	3	4
“ 1st committal.....	0	6	8	0	3	4
“ every subsequent committal	0	3	4	0	1	8
“ engrossing per folio of 90 words each	0	1	0	0	1	0
“ sending Bill to H. M. Council	0	6	8	0	3	4
“ on Governor's assent	0	6	8	0	3	4

LIV.

That one-half the foregoing Fees on private Bills returned from Her Majesty's Council with Amendments, shall be chargeable only on the respective stages through which the Amendments shall pass.

LV.

That one-half of the said Fees shall be chargeable on Bills originating with Her Majesty's Council, excepting therefrom the charge for engrossing and drafting.

LVI.

That all other Fees not included in the foregoing scale shall be allowed and payable on the taxation of the Speaker.

LVII.

That a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly by the applicant for any private Bill, prior to its second reading, to liquidate such Fees, according to the stages through which the Bill may pass, and that the balance remaining thereafter, if any, in the Clerk's hands, shall be repaid to the depositor of such sum of money as aforesaid, and should the aforesaid sum of Ten Pounds be insufficient to discharge the Fees due on any Private Bill, the applicant therefor shall pay the balance due to the Clerk of the Assembly immediately after the assent of His Excellency the Governor being given thereto.



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AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

MONDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1853.

Begun and holden at Saint John's, in the said Island of Newfoundland, on MONDAY the Thirty-first day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three, and in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

His Honor JAMES CROWDY, Esq., Administrator of the Government of Newfoundland, having by His Proclamation, bearing date the Twenty-second day of September, 1852, dissolved the last General Assembly, and having afterwards by his Proclamation of 28th September, called a new one, and His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, having by his Proclamation, bearing date the 3rd day of January, 1853, appointed Monday the 31st day of that month for the meeting of the said General Assembly for the Despatch of business.

Opening of the Assembly
pursuant to Proclamation.

The following are the names of Members returned by the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts to represent the said Districts in the General Assembly, viz. :—

Members returned,

District of Saint John's—JOHN KENT, PHILIP FRANCIS LITTLE, and ROBERT JOHN PARSONS, Esquires.

District of Conception Bay.—EDMUND HANRAHAN, JOHN BEMISTER, JOHN HAYWARD, and WILLIAM TALBOT, Esquires.

District of Ferryland.—PETER WINSER, Esquire.

District of Placentia and St. Mary's.—AMBROSE SHEA and GEORGE J. HOGSETT, Esquires.

District of Fortune Bay.—HUGH WILLIAM HOYLES, Esquire.

District of Trinity Bay.—STEPHEN MARCH, Esquire.

District of Bonavista Bay.—JOHN H. WARREN, Esquire.

District of Fogo.—GEORGE HENRY EMERSON, Esquire.

Deſimus Potestatem.

By virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal of the Island to the Honorables E. M. Archibald, Her Majesty's Attorney General, Joseph Noad, and Lawrence O'Brien, which is as follows :—

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and
 Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

Know Ye that We have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint, the Honorables Edward Mortimer Archibald, Joseph Noad, and Lawrence O'Brien, Members of our Council of Our Island of Newfoundland, to be Commissioners, they or either of them, jointly and severally to administer the Oath of Allegiance to all and to every person and persons who is, are, or should be a member or members of the General Assembly of our said Island, appointed by Proclamation of our Governor to be holden at St. John's on the Thirty-first day of this instant Month of January, giving to them, or either of them, our said Commissioners, full power and authority to perform the matters herein-before mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever they, or either of them shall do and perform in this behalf. And thereof they or either of them, are to make due return under their Hands and Seals unto our Governor of our said Island with these presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of our aforesaid Island.

Witness our trusty and beloved KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, the Twenty-ninth Day of January, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES CROWDY.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock in the forenoon of the said 31st day of January into the General

Assembly Room, John Stuart, Esq., Clerk of the House of Assembly, and Richard Holden, Esq., Assistant Clerk, attending in the House ; and the list of the names of the Members returned as before set forth for the several Districts throughout the Island having been called over by the Clerk, they all appeared, and took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance in presence of the said Commissioners.

Oath of Allegiance taken by Members.

At two o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by F. W. Rennie, Esq., the gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when the President of Her Majesty's Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor, said :

Members attend His Excellency.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency does not think fit to declare the cause for which he has summoned this General Assembly, until there be a Speaker of this Assembly. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that you gentlemen of the House of Assembly do retire and proceed to the choice of some proper person as your Speaker, and that you present him for His Excellency's approbation.

House ordered to choose a Speaker.

And the House having returned,

EDMUND HANRAHAN, Esq. addressing himself to the Clerk, (who standing up pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the House, for their Speaker, John Kent, Esq., and moved

Motion that John Kent Esq. be Speaker.

"That John Kent, Esq. do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," which motion was seconded by Robert John Parsons, Esq.

Whereupon,

P. F. LITTLE, Esq., addressing himself to the Clerk, (who standing up pointed to him and then sat down) proposed in amendment, seconded by George J. Hogsett, Esq.

Amendment thereon.

That the following words do stand part of the question, and be added thereto,

Resolved,—Whereas it is incompatible with the independence of this House that the Speaker's Chair should be filled by an officer of the Government, under ordinary circumstances ; but considering the limited number of Representatives, the anomalous nature of our constitution, and the

condition upon which Mr. Kent accepted the office of Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, viz :—That he should be untrammelled in the advocacy of Responsible Government, therefore

Resolved,—That the choice of this House in this instance shall not be construed into a precedent or a vote of confidence in the Executive.

The question was then put by the Clerk,

“That John Kent Esq. do take the chair as Speaker of this House ;” and the House dividing thereon, there appeared—

Division on original motion.

For the motion, 7.

Against the motion, 7.

Mr. Hoyles

Mr. Little

“ Hanrahan

“ Hogsett

“ Warren

“ Winser

“ Hayward

“ Emerson

“ Bemister

“ Talbot

“ March

“ Shea

“ Kent.

“ Parsons.

And the numbers being equal, it passed in the negative.

Amendment affirmed.

The question on the amendment being then put by the Clerk, it passed in the affirmative, without division, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Speaker conducted to the chair.

Mr. Kent was then conducted to and placed in the chair by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Parsons, when he addressed the House as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,—

Address of the Speaker.

I have to express my sincere thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me in choosing me to be your Speaker. I beg to assure you that it shall be my constant study to merit the confidence you have reposed in me by a strict attention to the duties of the important office with which you have been pleased to invest me; and, I trust, by your assistance and support, to guard and maintain the privileges of this House, consistently with a due regard to the prerogatives of the Crown.

The House attend His Excellency and present their Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER elect, with the House, then went to attend His Excellency the Governor, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Hanrahan, who addressed His Excellency as follows :—

May it please Your Excellency.

Mr. Speaker presented to His Excellency.

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected John Kent Esq., member for the district of Saint John's, and by their direction I beg leave to present him for your Excellency's approbation.

NEWSPAPER PRINTED BY JAMES WATSON, AT THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, ST. JOHN'S, N.S.W.

Whereupon,

The Hon. the President of Her Majesty's Council, addressing Mr. Speaker, said :

JOHN KENT, Esq.—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency approves of the choice which the House of Assembly have made of you to be their Speaker.

Approved of.

Mr. SPEAKER then addressed His Excellency the Governor to the following effect :

May it please Your Excellency,—

Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice the House of Assembly have made of me to be their Speaker, it has now become my duty, in the name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges ; that they may have freedom of speech in their debates ; that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament ; and that I, as their Speaker, may have free access to your Excellency's person.

Mr. Speaker demands from His Excellency the customary privileges.

Whereupon,

The Hon. the President of the Council, by command of His Excellency, said :

Mr. SPEAKER—I am directed by His Excellency to assure you, that he will extend to you and the House of Assembly, the amplest and fullest privileges which have been granted to your predecessors.

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the chair, Mr. Speaker reported that, when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Legislature, of which, Mr. Speaker said, for the sake of accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows:—

Mr. Speaker reads His Excellency's speech.

Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

Her Most Gracious Majesty having been pleased to appoint me to the government of this ancient and loyal colony, I deferred not to accept the important trust, nor delayed to come among you, beyond the time required for completing the necessary arrangements which would enable me to enter upon the duties of my office.

I have undertaken those duties with a due sense of their responsibility, an earnest hope, with your cordial co-operation, for their fulfilment, and a reliance on the Divine Mercy to direct our councils to the furtherance of the public good, and the prosperity of all classes of the energetic and hardy people with whom I am now associated.

I have to congratulate you upon the assurance contained in Her Majesty's Gracious Speech to Parliament, of Her continued solicitude for the welfare of Her North American Colonies ; and upon the determination

expressed by Her Majesty's Government to prevent, by efficient means, the recurrence of those encroachments on the British Fisheries of North America, so frequently complained of in former years.

The visit to our shores, during the past summer, of Vice-Admiral Sir George Seymour, the distinguished Naval-Commander-in-Chief on the station, and the information which he will have gained, from personal observation and inquiry, of our local requirements, cannot fail to prove highly beneficial to the all-important interests involved in the due protection and encouragement of our Fisheries.

I shall cause to be laid before you such documents as will put you in possession of the steps taken during the recess, in pursuance of the grant made in the last session of the Legislature, for the protection of the Fisheries in the vicinity of the Straits of Belle Isle. From the reports of the persons charged with the performance of this service, you will be gratified to learn that the measures adopted have been attended with much success.

I commend to your continued attention a subject affecting the whole of our Commerce.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The Estimates and Public Accounts will be laid before you ; and I rely with confidence on your liberality to make provision for the public service.

Owing, I lament to say, to a more than usual prevalence of that destructive visitation, the Potato disease, during the past season, and to the almost entire failure of the Fishery in many localities, it became imperatively necessary in the autumn for the Administrator of the Government to assume the responsibility of the expenditure of a considerable sum of money, for the relief of those who had been reduced by these unforeseen calamities to extreme destitution.

In the discharge of the arduous and responsible duty which thus necessarily devolved upon the Administrator, the measures adopted by him will, I am confident, be found by you to have been judicious and considerate, as well in regard to the applicants for relief, as to the condition of the public revenue. In all cases where it was practicable, return in labor on public works was obtained for the relief granted.

I depend upon your readiness to grant an indemnity for the expenditure thus unavoidably incurred.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The true interests of the colony consist in the reasonable union and concurrence of the different branches of the Legislature in promoting the general welfare of the people, in the advancement of religion, the encouragement of education, the improvement of the administration of just-

ice, and a steady perseverance in the healthy and remunerative occupations which are suitable to the climate and congenial to the inhabitants ; and I look forward with confident expectation to your zealous endeavours to aid me in furthering those great objects.

It remains for me to express the gratification I have derived in the welcome I received on my arrival ; and it will be my sincere desire to live amongst you in that friendly intercourse which will be essential to our mutual comfort and happiness.

Mr. BEMISTER moved, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to the Gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

Motion for Select Committee to prepare Address of Thanks in reply to Governor's Speech.

After debate,

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

Motion for adjournment.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to examine into the Public Accounts, and to make a faithful report thereon.

Notice for Committee of Audit.

Pursuant to order of the day, the adjourned debate was resumed on the motion that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to the Gracious Speech with which His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

Adjourned debate resumed.

After debate,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks to His Excellency, in reply to the Gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

Address of Thanks proposed.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Bemister, Warren, Hoyles, Shea, and Hanrahan, be a Committee for that purpose.

Select Committee to prepare Address of Thanks.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1853.

Notice for Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that a Select Committee be appointed to superintend the Contingencies of the present Session of the Legislature.

Notice for Printing Committee.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to superintend the Printing of the House :

Notice for Address for Poor Relief.

Also, that he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to appropriate a certain sum in affording employment to the Poor on the public roads of this District.

Petition from John Noonan.

Mr. WINSER presented a petition from John Noonan of Ferryland, which was received and read,—Praying that he might be appointed to a situation in the House of Assembly.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from St. Mary's Bay.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a petition from John Ryan and others, residents in Saint Mary's Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant of money to open a road from Point LeHaye and Gostlier's Cove to the Saint Mary's main line.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Torbay.

Mr. LITTLE presented a petition from Alexander Martin and others, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Branch road from their fishing rooms to the Torbay main line.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the Table.

Address of Thanks reported from Select Committee and read 1st time.

Mr. BEMISTER, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency the Governor's speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft thereof, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Address be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice for suspension of rules.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the rules of the House be suspended in reference to the passing of the said Address.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice,—

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to audit the Public Accounts, and to report thereon to the House.

Committee of Audit.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Winser, Little, Shea, Hogsett, and Warren, do form such Committee.

Mr. SHEA presented a petition from Clement Benning, Esq. of Burin, which was received and read, setting forth,—That he was duly nominated on the 10th of November last as a candidate to represent the District of Burin; that he was elected on the 16th, and declared as the Representative by the Returning Officer on the 18th of the same month; that the number of votes polled for him was Two Hundred and Seventy-five, and for Thomas Parsons Evans, the opposing candidate, Two Hundred and Thirty-seven,—leaving a majority of Thirty-eight on the gross poll in his favour; but that the Returning-officer, Wm. Hooper, Esq. had made a special return to the Executive, stating that the poll-book for Lamaline was lost; that the number of votes polled by petitioner at Lamaline was nine, and by his opponent twenty-four, he having, independently of that place, Two Hundred and Sixty-six, and his opponent Two Hundred and Thirteen, leaving still in his favour a majority. That he humbly conceives the loss of the Poll-book, under the circumstances, should not prejudice his return, it being the wilful or negligent act of an agent of the Executive. That Mr. Evans has himself admitted the fairness of his election, and never protested against it till the 25th inst. He therefore most respectfully prays that he may be admitted to take his seat as the Representative for the aforementioned District.

Petition from Clement Benning.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,—

Motion for Committee on Privilege.

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Privilege,—and the question being put thereon, the house divided, when there appeared

For the motion, 7.

Against the motion, 6.

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hayward

“ Hogsett

“ Hoyles

“ Emerson

“ Warren

“ Winser

“ Shea

“ Hanrahan

“ March

“ Talbot

“ Bemister.

“ Parsons.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Committee on Privilege.

And accordingly the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof to-morrow; and that the Speaker be instructed to summon Mr. Thomas Evans to appear before this Committee to-morrow, and that this matter shall stand first on the order of the day.

On motion that the Report be adopted, the House divided, when there appeared

Division on motion that the Report be adopted,

For the motion, 11.

Against the motion, 1.

Mr. Emerson

Mr. Hoyles.

“ Bemister

“ Warren

“ Hayward

“ March

“ Shea

“ Talbot

“ Hanrahan

“ Little

“ Winser

“ Hogsett.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolution for House to meet at two o'clock.

Resolved,—That the House at its rising do adjourn till Two o'clock to-morrow, instead of One, as hitherto.

Notice to discharge the order of the day.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move, previous to the order of the day,—that the order of the day be discharged, and that the House do proceed to the election of its officers.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1853.

Notice for Poor Relief Bill.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Wednesday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the granting of relief to the Poor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :

Documents in reference to Burin Election.

The writ for the election of a member for the district of Burin.

Certificate from Mr. Hooper, the Returning-officer

Letter from Mr. Hooper, of 19th Nov., conveying affidavit of Laurence Morrissey, on the subject of the loss of the Lamaline Poll Book.

Letter from Mr. Hooper, of 22nd Nov., in explanation of his letter of 19th Nov., relating to Laurence Morrissey's affidavit.

Letter of Mr. Hooper, of 8th Dec., conveying affidavit of Samuel Bennett, in reference to the loss of the duplicate Poll Book for Lamaline.

Protest of Mr. Thomas P. Evans, against Mr. Benning taking his seat as member for Burin.

Ordered,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of the whole on Privilege.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Privilege.

Committee on Privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again this day on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a return from the Returning-officer of Burin, with other documents connected with that election, just received, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

Documents from the Returning officer.

Ordered,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of the whole on Privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions there-

Report of Committee on Privilege.

on, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's table.

The Resolutions were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow:—

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That Clement Benning, Esq., having been duly elected a member of this House for the District of Burin, be forthwith permitted to take his seat in this House, on taking the usual oath accordingly, and that the Clerk grant him a certificate to that effect, for the purpose of being presented to the Commissioners authorised to administer the usual oath to the members of the present Assembly.

Resolved,—That the original writ for the election of a member for the district of Burin, the special and amended return, together with the Resolutions and proceedings of this Committee thereon, be reported to the House.

Resolutions agreed to.

And the Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

For documents referred to, *see Appendix*.

Mr. Benning takes the Oath of Allegiance and his seat.

Clement Benning, Esq., having taken the usual oath before the Commissioners appointed to administer the same, took his seat as member for the district of Burin.

Statement of Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House a statement of the affairs of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

(*For which see Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Address of Thanks read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the session, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the House do on to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Address.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Contingency Committee.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to superintend the Contingencies of this Session of the Legislature.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Emerson, Shea, Parsons, and Hayward, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to superintend the Printing of this House.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Shea, March, Parsons, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

Printing Committee appointed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Motion for Address for £300 for Poor Relief.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Board of Road Commissioners for the district of St. John's, to expend the sum of Three Hundred Pounds in affording employment to the Poor on the roads in this district ; and this House will make provision therefor out of the monies raised for levelling the streets of St. John's.

Address for Poor Relief.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Hogsett.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from Michael Berny and others, of Oderin, which was received and read, setting forth,—the alarming state of destitution to which they had been reduced from the failure of the fishery, and praying that some relief may be afforded them,

Petition from Oderin.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause a reasonable amount to be appropriated for the relief of persons in Placentia Bay :

Notice of Address for relief at Oderin.

Also, that on Tuesday next he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House copies of any correspondence between the Local Executive and the Imperial Government within the last eighteen months on the subject of the protection of our Fisheries, as well as of any correspondence that may have been had with reference to the Address of last session on the subject of Free Trade with the United States.

Notice of motion for Address for Returns of Correspondence on the Fishery and Free Trade.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move an Ad-

Notice for copy of His Excellency's Commission, &c.

dress to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency would cause a copy of his Commission and the Royal Instructions accompanying the same, to be laid before this House.

Notice of Motion for Census Bill.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to ascertain the population of this country and other statistical information.

Clerk elected.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That John Stuart, Esq., be appointed Chief Clerk of this House.

Clerk sworn and takes his seat.

The Clerk elect, having taken the usual oaths, took his seat at the Clerk's Table accordingly.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Clerk Assistant appointed.

Resolved,—That Richard Holden, Esq., be appointed Assistant Clerk of this House.

Motion for appointment of F. B. Carter as Solicitor.

Mr. HOYLES moved, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

That Frederick B. Carter, Esq., be appointed Solicitor of this House. Whereupon,

Amendment.

Mr. HOGSETT moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

That John Little, Esq., be appointed Solicitor of this House.

After a lengthened debate,

Mr. HAYWARD moved, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

That the debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

Division on Amendment that the Debate be adjourned.

For the motion, 6.

Against the motion, 7.

Mr. Hoyles

Mr. Emerson

“ Hayward

“ Hanrahan

“ Shea

“ Parsons

“ March

“ Little

“ Warren

“ Talbot

“ Bemister.

“ Hogsett

“ Winser.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered accordingly,

After debate,

The House divided on the original Amendment, when there appeared,

Division on Original Amendment.

For the Amendment, 8.

Against the Amendment, 5.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles

“ Parsons

“ Bemister

“ Hogsett

“ Warren

“ Winser

“ Hayward

“ Talbot

“ March.

“ Emerson

“ Hanrahan

“ Shea.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—That John Little, Esq., be appointed Solicitor of this House.

Ordered,—That the Clerk do inform John Little, Esq. of his appointment.

John Little appointed Solicitor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on Monday next he would move for a Select Committee to report upon the practice of the Superior Courts of this Island :

Notice for Select Committee on the Superior Courts.

Also, that on Monday next he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House the Writ and all proceedings had thereon, for the election of the Member for the District of Bonavista, and whether the original Return under that Writ was sealed.

Notice of Address in reference to Bonavista election.

Mr. TALBOT presented Petitions from the inhabitants of Turk's Gut, Caplin Cove, and Salmon Cove, in Conception Bay, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to open and complete Roads in those localities.

Road Petitions from Conception Bay.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from William Walsh, of Western Bay, which was received and read, setting forth,—That on the recommendation of the Road Commissioners in 1845, he made fourteen perches of a Road in that locality, which, upon the report of the Surveyor, had been valued at Ten Pounds : that the present Board of Road Commissioners had rejected his claim for payment, on the ground that they had no funds at their disposal for such a purpose ; and praying that his claim may be

Petition from W. Walsh for compensation.

taken into consideration by the House, and such an amount awarded him as they consider him entitled to.

Road Petition from inhabitants of Cock Pit road.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Charles Rielly and others, inhabitants of the Cock Pit Road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road leading from thence to the George's Pond Road.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Address of Thanks

Pursuant to Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

Notice for Reserved Salaries Reduction Bill.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on the 10th instant he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the reduction of the Reserved Salaries.

Notice for Committee on Light Houses.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on the 19th instant he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the necessity of more efficiently lighting, by the erection of Light Houses, the seaboard of this island, and to report upon the most eligible places for erecting the same, and to take evidence on the several matters connected therewith.

Road Petition from Bryant's Cove.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from John Hayes and others, of Bryant's Cove, Pomeray's shore, and the lower part of the south-side of Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—praying for a grant to complete the road connecting those places.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the session.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the said Committee stand first on the Order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from Thomas Cooper and others, of Bay-de-Verds, and Grates Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road between those places.

Road Petition from Bay-de-Verds.

On Table.

Memorial from the Chamber of Commerce.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Saint John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—The great importance of preventing the illicit traffic at present carried on from the South-western shores of this country with the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, as also to prevent the French from taking Bait on our coast ; and praying that immediate communication may be had with the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the North American station upon the subject ; and that until an efficient force is supplied by the Imperial Government, a Steamer be despatched by the Local Government to ply between the shores of this country and the before mentioned Islands, from the 20th of March to the 20th of July ; and afterwards, if required, in the Straits of Belle Isle, and on the North coast of this Island.

On Table.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Ordered,—That the said Memorial do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Address reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Address to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Address as amended in at the Clerk's table, where the same was received and read, and is as follows :

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

Address of Thanks.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland in General Assembly convened, beg leave to congratulate Your Excellency upon the safe arrival of Your Excellency to assume the Government of this colony, and thank your Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which Your Excellency has been pleased to open the present session of the Legislature.

We sincerely reciprocate Your Excellency's congratulations on the

determination expressed by Her Majesty's Government, to prevent by efficient means the recurrence of those encroachments on our fisheries by French and American subjects, of which we have so often complained, and from which the people of this colony have suffered so severely ; and we concur with Your Excellency in believing, that the experience and personal observation during his visit to our shores of Vice-Admiral Sir GEORGE SEYMOUR, will enable him to employ to the greatest advantage the force that may be placed at his disposal for effecting an object of such paramount importance.

We are gratified to learn that the efforts of the Local Legislature for the protection of our fisheries in the Straits of Belle Isle, and on the North East coast of Newfoundland, have been attended with success, and we shall receive with much interest, with a view to the adoption of such further measures as may be necessary in that respect, the reports of the officers employed in this service.

We thank Your Excellency for your promise to lay before us the Estimates and Public Accounts, and assure Your Excellency of our readiness to make all reasonable provision for the expenses of the Civil Government and the promotion of the internal improvements of the colony.

We sincerely regret that the almost universal loss of the Potato Crop, and the almost entire failure of the Fishery in many localities, should have rendered it necessary to apply for the relief of the poor a larger sum than was set apart for that purpose by the Legislature, and we shall not hesitate to pass a Bill of Indemnity to meet the expenditure thus occasioned.

We entirely concur in Your Excellency's observation that the true interests of the colony consist in the reasonable union and concurrence of the different branches of the Legislature on all those subjects to which their attention should be directed, and which Your Excellency has enumerated.

We assure Your Excellency of our desire to co-operate with Your Excellency and Her Majesty's Council in the furtherance of those great objects, and we trust that Your Excellency's long experience in Colonial affairs will be found greatly to assist our common labours.

On motion that the Address as amended be adopted,

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Address be further amended by inserting the following words at the end of the sixth paragraph :

" And more particularly in the attainment of Reciprocal Free Trade between this colony, Canada, and the United States of America, and the

Amendment on Address.

establishment of Responsible Government in this old and loyal dependency of the British Crown ; and an improved system of relief for the poor."

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 7. Against the Amendment, 6.

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles

" Parsons

" Bemister

" Hogsett

" Warren

" Winser

" Hayward

" Talbot

" March,

" Benning

" Shea,

" Hanrahan

Amendment carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Rules suspended.

Resolved,—That the rules of the House be suspended in reference to the Address.

Address read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Address as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Pursuant to order, the engrossed Address of Thanks was read a third time.

Ordered,—That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1853.

Census Bill read 1st time.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for ascertaining the population of this colony and for other statistical information, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the practice of the superior Courts of this Island.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Parsons, Shea, Emerson, and Little, do form such Committee.

Select Committee on the practice of the superior Courts.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House copies of any correspondence between the Local Executive and Imperial Government that has taken place within the last eighteen months, on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries of this colony ; as well as of any correspondence that may have been had with reference to the Address of the Assembly in its last session, on the subject of Free Trade between the United States and this colony.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and that Mr. Shea and Mr. Warren do present it to His Excellency the Governor,

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a copy of Your Excellency's Commission and Royal Instructions.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to reduce and make provision for payment of the salaries of the principal

Salaries reduction Bill read 1st time.

Officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Printer of Journals appointed.

Resolved,—That Edward Dalton Shea, Esq. be appointed Printer of the Journals of this House.

On motion of Mr. BENNING, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Printers of Miscellaneous Papers appointed.

Resolved,—That the Proprietors of the *Patriot Press* be the Printers of the Miscellaneous papers of this House.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Officers appointed.

Resolved,—That the Door-keeper, Under Door-keeper, Messenger, Assistant Messenger and Fire-lighter, of the last House, be appointed to the said respective situations in this House.

Mr. HOYLES moved, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

Motion that James Seaton be Reporter.

That James Seaton, Esq. be appointed Reporter and Publisher of the Debates of this House.

Whereupon,

Mr. HOGSETT moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Amendment on ditto.

That Thomas Talbot, Esq. be appointed Reporter of the Debates of this House.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 6.

Against the Amendment, 5.

Division.

Mr. Emerson

Mr. Hoyles

“ Benning

“ Hayward

“ Talbot

“ Bemister

“ Hogsett

“ Warren

“ Winser

“ March.

“ Little.

Amendment carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly,

Thomas Talbot appointed Reporter.

That Thomas Talbot, Esq. be appointed Reporter of the Debates of this House.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That Mr. Joseph Woods be appointed Publisher of the Debates of this House.

Joseph Woods appointed Publisher.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, informing him that His Excellency would receive the House with the Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, on Saturday next at half past two o'clock.

Notification of time at which the Governor would receive the House with Address of Thanks.

Then the House adjourned till Saturday next at Two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1853.

It being the hour appointed for waiting on His Excellency the Governor with the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to Government-house, and being returned,

The House present the Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had presented the Address to His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I thank you for the congratulations upon my assumption of the Government which you have expressed in the present Address.

Reply of His Excellency to Address of Thanks.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the Clock.

MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from Bartholomew Corbett and others, of Chappels Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from Chappels Cove Bridge to Big Pond.

Road Petition from Chappels Cove.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from John Redmond and others, of Carbonear, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a new line of Road to connect the Valley and London Roads.

Road Petition from Carbonear.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from James Stevens and others, of

Petition from Catalina for a Bridge.

Little Catalina, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a Bridge over the brook running through that harbour.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address for Postal Return.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause a Return of all Inland Postages received during the past year, with the Postmaster's Report thereon; a List of the different Contracts; and the names of the Contractors for the carriage of the Mails in the different districts of the Island, to be laid before the House:

Also, that on the 21st inst. he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Inland Post Act, and to make further provisions in lieu thereof.

Notice for Address regarding the Chairman of Audit.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that the Chairman of Audit may be furnished by the Colonial Treasurer with such documents as may be required in the exposition of the public accounts.

Notice for Shipbuilding Bill.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on Thursday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building in this colony.

Notice for Select Committee on Savings' Bank.

Mr. Little gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the condition of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise:

Notice of Address in reference to Representation.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration the present state of the Representation of this Island, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise:

Notice for Address in reference to employment of the Poor.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor,—Praying that he will cause the sum of Two Hundred pounds to be expended out of the Saint John's levelling fund in the employment of the Poor on public works:

Notice for Select Committee on the public Coves.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the best means of improving the Public Coves and thoroughfares of the town, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise:

Notice for Select Committee on the Jury system.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the present Jury system, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Notice for Select Committee on the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration the Memorial

of the Chamber of Commerce respecting the protection of the Fisheries on the Western coast :

Also, that on Monday next he will move the House into Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the House at the earliest period, a detailed statement of the expenditure of monies on Roads and Bridges in every district of the Island, for the last year.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on Wednesday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause to be laid before the House a detailed account and return of all expenditure by the Commissioners of Roads and Bridges in Bonavista since June 1848, stating the amount, and on what roads expended ; by whom the work was performed ; the amount paid ; the number of tenders received, and the parties to whom contracts were given ; the Inspector's certificates of the work performed : also, the number of visits of Commissioners, and the names of those attending each time :

That on Wednesday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the House a detailed statement of expenses incurred by the Coroner of Bonavista (or person acting as such) since 1850 ; stating when and where the inquest was held ; name of deceased ; names of Jurymen summoned in each case ; what amount paid to them ; what expenses incurred, and to whom paid :

Also, that on Wednesday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be laid before the House a detailed statement of relief granted out of Provisions sent by the Government from the year 1848 to 1852 to Bonavista ; stating amount received ; how distributed ; name of recipient ; how circumstanced ; and quantity and quality of food given.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address requesting that His Excellency would cause a copy of his Commission as Governor, with the Royal Instructions accompanying the same, to be laid

Notice for Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Notice for return of Road expenditure.

Notice for return of Road expenditure at Bonavista.

Notice for returns from the Coroner of Bonavista.

Notice for returns of Poor Relief at Bonavista.

Reply of His Excellency to Addresses.

before the House, had said he would comply with the prayer of the Address.

Mr. LITTLE reported that His Excellency had been pleased to assent to the request contained in the Address praying that he would cause the sum of Three Hundred pounds to be appropriated in employing the poor on the public works.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause to be laid before this House a statement in detail of the amount expended in relieving Shipwrecked Sealers in the year 1852 ; stating the name of the person or family relieved ; the amount given to each person or family ; the name of the person or persons by or through whom such person or families were relieved : also, the name of the owner, and the names of the vessels, and the names of the masters in such vessels as were employed to carry relief and to bring back Shipwrecked Sealers ; the amount paid to the owner and master of each vessel for such services ; the amount of provision and clothing sent in each vessel ; the time each vessel was so engaged, and the number of men relieved by each vessel : also, the amount of all sums of money paid to different persons throughout the colony who voluntarily gave relief to Shipwrecked Sealers who applied to them for relief, stating the name and place of residence of such persons who gave such requisite relief.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on Friday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor in the several districts of this colony.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that His Excellency would cause the sum of £26 0s. 2d. Cy., to be appropriated in liquidation of certain claims remaining unpaid by the Board of Road Commissioners in the district of St. Mary's and Placentia, in consequence of want of funds.

Mr. TALBOT presented Petitions from Edward O'Keefe and others, of Holyrood ; and from Henry Westerman and others, of the South shore of Conception Bay, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to complete branch roads in those localities.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from William Pepper and others, of the North side of Bay Roberts, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road in that locality.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for ascertaining the population of this country, and other statistical information, was read a second time.

Notice of Address for Shipwrecked Sealers' returns.

Notice of Poor Relief Bill.

Notice for Address on the subject of certain Road claims.

Road Petition from Holyrood.

Road Petition from Bay Roberts.

On Table.

Census Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That on Friday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Time of Committal.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

Address to Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be furnished this House a return in detail of all Inland Postages received during the past year, together with the Postmaster-General's report thereon ; and also a list of the different contracts, with the names of the contractors, for the conveyance of the Mails in the different districts of this Island.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Winser.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Address to Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to order that the Chairman of Audit be furnished by the Colonial Treasurer with such documents as he may require in preparing an exposition of the Public Accounts.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the

Select Committee on Savings' Bank.

constitution of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Committee named.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Hogsett, Shea, Warren, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

Address to Governor.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table where it was again read as follows:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance from the Treasury, out of the fund raised under the St. John's Re-building Act, to the Central Board of Road Commissioners, the sum of £200, for the purpose of affording employment to the Poor on the public works in the district of St. John's, and this House will make provision therefor.

Motion that Address be adopted.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Address be adopted,

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

Division thereon.

For the Motion, 8.

Against the Motion, 2.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles

“ Parsons

“ March.

“ Benning

“ Hogsett

“ Emerson

“ Hanrahan

“ Warren

“ Bemister.

Address passed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly,

Engrossed—and Committee to present,

That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the most advisable means of improving the Public Coves and thoroughfares of this town, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Select Committee on Public Coves.

Ordered,—That Messrs Little, Parsons, Emerson, Benning, and Warren, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. Parsons,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present Jury system of this Colony, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Select Committee on Jury system.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Parsons, Emerson, Hogsett, and Talbot, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, respecting the protection of the Fisheries on the Western coast.

Select Committee on the protection of the Fisheries.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea, Hoyles, March, Benning and Bemister, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of all monies expended on the Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of this Island during the past year.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. HOGSETT and Mr. LITTLE.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Friday next he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Notice for Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the following Rule be added to the Rules and Orders of the House:—

Notice for additional Rule.

Resolved,—That on every Thursday, Notices of Motion shall take precedence of the Orders of the day.

Notice for returns connected with the Gaol.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return of the Prisoners confined during the past year up to this date, particularizing the various breaches of the law for which they have been imprisoned, with the length of imprisonment for such case ; distinguishing debtors from other prisoners ; stating the particular cause, with the amount of debt for which each person was imprisoned ; and giving the quantity and description of food supplied to each prisoner :

Notice of Address to Governor.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause to be laid before the House a Return of the proceedings had on the petitions of James Campbell, Joseph Bacon, and James O'Neal, teachers, whose petitions were referred to His Excellency the Governor during the last session of the Legislature.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a consolidated account current of Receipts and Payments of the Customs Department for the year ended the 5th day of January, 1853.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of all the expenditure made by the Commissioners of Roads and Bridges in Bonavista and King's Cove since 1848 ; stating the amount,

and on what roads expended ; by whom the work was performed ; the amount paid ; the number of tenders received ; the parties to whom contracts were given ; the Inspectors' certificates of the work performed ; the number of times of meeting of the Commissioners, and the names of those attending each time.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Warren and Mr. Bemister.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Address to Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of all the expenses incurred by the Coroner of Bonavista (or the person acting as such) since 1850 ; stating when and where the inquest was held ; the name of the deceased ; names of Jurymen summoned in each case ; what amount paid to them ; what expenses incurred, and to whom paid.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Warren and Mr. Bemister.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. WINNER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of the relief granted from the year 1848 to 1852, inclusive, by the Government to Bonavista and King's Cove ; stating the amount

Address to Governor.

received; how distributed; the names of recipients; how circumstanced; and the quantity and quality of food given.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Warren and Mr. Winser.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of the amount expended in relieving Shipwrecked Sealers in the year 1852; stating the name of the person or family relieved; the amount given to each person or family; the name of the person or persons by or through whom such person or family was relieved; also the name of the owner and the name of the vessel employed to carry such relief to Shipwrecked Sealers and convey them home; the amount paid to the owner or master of each vessel for such services; the amount of provisions and clothing sent in each vessel; the time each vessel was so employed; and the number of men relieved by each vessel; and also the amount of all sums of money paid to other persons throughout the colony for relieving such Shipwrecked Sealers; stating the name and place of residence of such persons who gave such relief.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. WINSER, and Mr. WARREN.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Select Committee on claims connected with Colinet Road.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to examine into the claims of certain parties claiming payment of work done on the Colinet line of road.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Little, and March, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Motion for Rule to be added to Rules of the House.

Resolved,—That the following Rule be added to the Rules and Orders of the House:

Resolved,—That on every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the session, Notices of Motion do take precedence of the Orders of the day.

Additional Rule.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a full and detailed return of the Prisoners confined during the past year up to this date, in the Gaol at Signal-hill and in the Lock-up in St. John's—particularising the various breaches of the law for which they have been imprisoned, with the length of imprisonment for each case; distinguishing debtors from other prisoners; stating the particular cause, with the amount of debt for which each person was imprisoned; and giving the quantity and description of food supplied to each prisoner.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a return of the proceedings had on the Petitions of James Campbell, Joseph Bacon, and James O'Neil, teachers, whose Petitions were referred to His Excellency the Governor during the last session of the late House of Assembly.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Hogsett.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Resolutions of the 10th inst. in reference to the appointment of the Re-

Notice to rescind Resolutions appointing Reporter and Publisher of debates.

porter and Publisher of the Debates, be rescinded, and that Messrs. James Seaton and Thomas Talbot be appointed joint Reporters and Publishers of the Debates.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :

Letter from Commander Cochrane, of the *Sappho*, to Vice-Admiral Sir George Seymour.

Letters from James Tobin, Esq., of 23rd Aug., and September, 1852, on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries at Labrador and Straits of Belle Isle.

Letter from Mr. T. Crockwell on the same subject.

Letter from Mr. T. Knight, of the 2nd August, on the same subject.

Report of Mr. James Finlay, of the 31st August, on the same subject.

Letter from certain inhabitants of Green Bay, of thanks for the protection afforded to the Fisheries during the past season, 31st August, 1852.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1853.

Notice of motion for Committee on Free Trade.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Thursday the 24th inst. he would move the House into Committee of the whole, on consideration of the question of Free Trade between this colony, the United States, and Canada.

Notice for Select Committee on Education.

Mr. BEMISTER gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to prepare a Bill for the encouragement of Education in this colony : also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause the returns prescribed by law to be made by the Central Board of Education, to be furnished to the House.

Order for 2nd reading of Salaries reduction Bill.

Ordered,—That the Bill to reduce and make provision for payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony, be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding, and the same was read a first time.

Shipbuilding Bill read first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Time of Second reading.

Mr. SHEA, from the Deputation to wait on His Excellency the Governor with the Address requesting that His Excellency would cause to be laid before the House copies of any correspondence that may have taken place on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries and of the Address of last session in reference to Free Trade with the United States and Canada, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say that his Despatches on the subject of the Fisheries being of a confidential character, he did not consider himself justified in laying them before the House, but that the information asked for in reference to the Address of last Session on Free Trade should be furnished.

Reply of His Excellency to Addresses.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Richard Cuddihy and others, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a Branch road from the Main line to Tapper's Cove.

Road petition from Torbay.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from G. W. R. Hierlihy and others, of the lower side of Bryant's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a Branch road from the School-house to the Harbor Grace main line.

Road petition from Bryant's Cove.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from Ambrose Sparks and others, of Bull Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a Branch road from thence to Brigus.

Road petition from Bull Cove.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from Thomas Lawlor and others, of Old Bonaventure, which was received and read,—Complaining of the situation of the School-house there, and praying that the salary of the School-master may be increased.

Road petition from Bonaventure.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Deputation to present the Address requesting that His Excellency would be pleased to inform the House what action

Reply of the Governor to Addresses.

had been taken on the Addresses of last session,—Praying that some compensation might be awarded James Campbell, Joseph Bacon, and James O'Neil, for their services as teachers in St. John's, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say that the two first mentioned gentlemen had each received the sum of Thirty pounds, by the advice of the Council, but the last named not being considered to have equal claims, the Council had not advised any amount being paid him.

Mr. WINSER reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address praying for detailed returns of expenditure last year on account of Shipwrecked Sealers ; and also, to that praying the Chairman of Audit might be furnished with documents required by him from the Colonial Treasurer.

Mr. WARREN reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Addresses praying for returns from the Coroner of Bonavista of relief distributed there ; and also of the amount expended on the various roads in that district.

Mr. HOGSETT reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address praying for returns of expenditure on Roads last year ; and also to the Address praying for returns connected with the Post-office.

Mr. LITTLE reported the assent of His Excellency to the Address praying His Excellency to advance £200 for the employment of the Poor on the public works.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from John Murphy and others, residents between Holyrood and Cats Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a landing place at Laird's Cove beach ; and also, to open a Branch road from thence to the Conception Bay main line.

Mr. LITTLE presented three Petitions from various inhabitants of St. John's, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to improve various streets and lanes in the town of Saint John's :

Also, three Petitions from various inhabitants of Petty Harbour,—Praying for grants to improve the roads in the neighbourhood of that settlement :

And from Cornelius Collins and others, of Torbay,—Praying for a grant to open and complete some Branch roads in that locality.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for ascertaining the population of this country, and other statistical information.

Replies of His Excellency to Addresses.

Notice for Supply.

Road petition from Cats Cove and Holyrood.

Road petitions from St. John's, Petty Harbor and Torbay.

Committee on Census Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That on Monday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Estimate of the charge of defraying the Civil Expenditure of the colony for the year ending 31st Dec., 1853; and the Colonial Treasurer's Accounts for the year ended 10th Jan., 1853; transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he may adopt such measures as he may think necessary for the purpose of establishing a branch of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank in the town of Harbor Grace.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, for a return of the names of the Permanent and Casual Poor, with the number of their children (if any) receiving relief during the last year at the expense of the colony up to this date; the quantity of

Report.

Salaries reduction Bill read 2nd time.

Time of Committal.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

On Table.

Notice of Address on the Savings' Bank.

Notice of Address for returns of Poor Relief.

food each received per diem, and the amount of cash paid to each individual; the place where located, and their trade or occupation, and the expense (if any) for lodgings; the names of those who died, and the circumstances attending the illness and death of each; the number sent away; the number of orphans, male and female, and their ages; and whether any have been apprenticed, and (if any) to whom, and on what terms.

Committee of whole on
Census Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for ascertaining the population of this Colony, and other statistical information.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amend-
ments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Salaries
Reduction Bill postponed.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole on the Reserved Salaries Reduction Bill be postponed till Wednesday next.

Poor Relief Bill read 1st
time.

Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. BEMISTER, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency

will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House the Returns prescribed by law to be made by the Central Board of Education.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Bemister, and Mr. Shea.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Notice of motion for the Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges, stand second on the motion list for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr LITTLE presented two petitions from certain inhabitants of Petty Harbor, and one from inhabitants of Torbay, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to make some Branch roads in those localities.

Road petitions from Petty Harbor and Torbay.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from Patrick Strapp and others, of Gallows Cove, Harbor Main, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road there.

Road petition from Harbor Main.

Mr. SHEA presented three Petitions from Wm. Keppel White and others, of Harbor Buffet, Spencer's Cove, Haystack and Muscle Harbor on Long Island; from Pelagius Nowlan and others, of Red Island; and from Patrick Foran and others, of Little Placentia; which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to make and repair Roads in those settlements.

Road petitions from Placentia Bay.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Moses Butt and others, of Broad Cove, North, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road from Butt's Bank to Black Head.

Road petition from Broad Cove.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from John Devereux and others, of Trepassey, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open the road from thence to Renewse.

Road petition from Trepassey.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow, (instead of Tuesday next) he would move the House into a Committee of the whole to consider the question of Free Trade with the United States and Canada.

Notice for Committee on Free Trade.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into and report upon Expiring Laws.

Notice for Committee on Expiring Laws.

Notice for Funk Island
Light-house Bill.

Mr. BEMISTER gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the erection of a Light-house on the Funks Island.

Notice for Greenland
Seal Fishery Bill.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of the Greenland Seal Fishery.

Notice for Select Commit-
tee on Light-houses.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on Friday the 25th inst. he would move that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the necessity of more effectually lighting by the erection of Light-houses the seaboard of this Island, and report upon the most eligible places for erecting the same, and to take evidence on the several matters connected therewith.

Notice to rescind Resolu-
tions in reference to the Re-
porting and Publishing.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Resolutions with reference to the appointment of Reporter and Publisher of the Debates of the House be rescinded.

Census Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for ascertaining the population of this colony, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Passed and titled.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,
Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “an Act for ascertaining the Population of this colony and other Statistical information.”

Deputation to H. M.
Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. PARSONS and LITTLE, do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council, and desire their concurrence.

Shipbuilding Bill read
2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the encouragement of Shipbuilding was read a second time.

Time of Committal.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,
Resolved,—That on the 2nd day of March this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Supply.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,
Resolved,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion for Committee of
Supply.

Mr. HOYLES moved that on Friday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Whereupon,

Amendment.

Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,
That the words “Friday next” be expunged, and the words “next Tuesday week” be substituted in lieu thereof.

And the question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 8.

Against the Amendment, 5.

Division.

Mr. Hanrahan

Mr. Hoyles

“ Shea

“ Warren

“ Parsons

“ March

“ Little

“ Bemister

“ Hogsett

“ Hayward.

“ Talbot

“ Benning

“ Winser.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The question being then put upon the original motion, as amended,

It passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

Original motion as amended carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges stand first on the order of the day for Thursday next.

Order for Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. BEMISTER, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Select Committee on Education.

Ordered.—That Messrs. Bemister, Shea, Hayward, Emerson, and Hanrahan, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of the Permanent and Casual Poor, with the number of their children (if any) receiving relief during the last year at the expense of the colony up to this date; the quantity of food each receives per diem; and the amount of cash paid to each individual; the place where located, and their trade or occupation, and the expense (if any) for lodging; the names of those who died, and the circumstances attending the illness and

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death of each ; the number sent away ; the number of orphans, male and female, and their ages ; and whether any have been apprenticed, and (if any) to whom, and on what terms ; also the quantity of food bought ; the cost of each article, and the name of the party from whom purchased.

Engrossed—and presented to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hogsett.

Notice of motion in reference to the Funks Island.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to inform the House whether a grant has been given or promised to any person or persons, of the Funk Island or Islands.

Notice of motion for suspension of Rules.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the suspension of the Rules with reference to the motion respecting Free Trade.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1853.

Road petition from Conception Bay.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from James Crane and others, of Upper Island Cove, and Bishop's Cove, in Conception Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from those settlements to the New Harbour line.

Road Petition from Salmonier and St. Mary's.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from John Ryan and others, of Salmonier and St. Mary's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make the road from the Ferry at Black Duck Gully to the main line.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Despatches on Free Trade and protection of the Fisheries.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Addresses of last session on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries, and the establishment of Free Trade between this Colony and the United States ; transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. BENNING,

Resolutions appointing Reporter and Publisher of Debates rescinded.

Resolved,—That the Resolution of the 9th inst., appointing Thomas Talbot, Esq., reporter of the Debates of this House ; and also the Resolution appointing Joseph Woods, Esq. publisher thereof, be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. BENNING,

Resolved,—That James Seaton and Thomas Talbot, Esqrs., be appointed Reporters and Publishers of the debates of this House.

James Seaton and Thos. Talbot appointed Publishers and Reporters of Debates.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the Reporter be instructed to give the arrears of the proceedings of the House to this date, from the Journals of the House, commencing the usual mode of reporting from this date.

Resolution in reference to publishing Debates.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. WINSER.

Resolved,—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the consideration of the question of Free Trade with Canada and the United States.

Committee of the whole on Free Trade.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follow :—

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That the Assembly in its last Session affirmed the principles of Reciprocal Free Trade between the United States and this colony in Resolutions which are recorded on the Journals of the House.

Resolved,—That in reply to the Address of the House, in which Her Majesty's Government was requested to include this colony in any general scheme of Reciprocal Trade between the North American Colonies and the United States, the Secretary of State in his Despatch dated 26th August last gives assurance that the interests of this colony shall receive the serious consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

Resolved,—That the official letter of Mr. Everett, the American Secretary of State, to the President of the United States, dated 7th February instant, in which he affirms that "the Government of Her Britannic Majesty is prepared to enter into an arrangement for the admission of the fishing vessels of the United States to a full participation in the public fisheries on the coasts and shores of the Provinces, with the exception perhaps, at present, of Newfoundland, on condition of the admission of Colonial produce duty free into the United States," is regarded by the House with surprise and regret, because of the special exception of Newfoundland from the proposed arrangement.

Resolved,—That the best interests of the population of this colony would be vitally compromised by the exclusion of Newfoundland from the contemplated treaty ; and that this House do forthwith address her Majesty's Government, setting forth the purport of these Resolutions, praying that this colony may not be placed in so isolated and injurious a position ; and that a copy of this Address be transmitted to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, requesting that he will wait further advices from Her Majesty's Government before concluding the treaty in question.

Resolved,—That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will forward the above documents by the present Mail to their respective destinations.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Resolutions be adopted.

Mr. SHEA, in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of the whole on Free Trade, presented the draft of an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read and is as follows :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, most respectfully beg leave to approach your Majesty with feelings of the most profound devotion to your Majesty's person and Government.

We most humbly beg leave to inform your Majesty, that the Assembly in its last session affirmed the principles of Reciprocal Free Trade between the United States and this colony, in Resolutions which are recorded on the Journals of the House.

That in reply to the Address of the Assembly, requesting your Majesty to include this colony in any general scheme of Reciprocal Trade between the North American Colonies and the United States, Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch dated the 26th day of August last, gives assurance that the interests of this colony shall receive the serious consideration of your Majesty's Government.

That Mr. Everett, the American Secretary of State, in an official letter to the President of the United States, dated the 7th day of February instant, affirms that the " Government of Her Britannic Majesty is prepared to enter into an arrangement for the admission of fishing vessels of the United States to a full participation in the public fisheries on the coasts and shores of the Provinces, (with the exception, perhaps at present, of Newfoundland,) on condition of the admission of Colonial produce duty

Resolutions adopted.

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on Free Trade.

free into the United States,"—a statement which is regarded by the Assembly with surprise and regret, because of the special exception of this colony from the proposed arrangement. The House of Assembly further beg leave to assure your Majesty that the best interests of the population of this colony would be vitally compromised, and their opinions and desires disregarded, by excluding Newfoundland from the contemplated treaty; and they, therefore, most respectfully beg leave to reiterate their former request that this colony may be included in any arrangement that may be effected by your Majesty's Government on this important subject.

Adopted.

Ordered.—That the Address be adopted.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be transmitted to Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Government of the United States:—

*To His Excellency J. T. CRAMPTON, Esq.,
Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary
to the Government of the United States.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg leave to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of an Address to Her Majesty passed by the Assembly on the subject of the negotiation now going forward, with reference to the question of Reciprocal Trade and the Fisheries, to which they respectfully invite Your Excellency's consideration; with a request that any negotiation excluding Newfoundland may not be concluded until you shall have further communicated with Her Majesty's Government on this important subject.

Address to J. T. Crampton, Esq., in reference to Free Trade and the Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit by the present Mail to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to the British Minister at Washington, the accompanying Addresses relative to the negotiation

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now going forward with reference to the question of Reciprocal Trade and the Fisheries, between Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States.

On a subject like this, of great and common interest, the House respectfully trust that Your Excellency will lend your influential co-operation in promoting the object in view.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Shea and Mr. Little.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a return of the number of cases entered for trial in the Court of Sessions at Bonavista in each year since January 1st 1850 to December 31st 1852; stating the number of cases entered for trial; names of Plaintiff and Defendant in each case; amount sued for, or grounds of action; when tried; number and names of Magistrates presiding; decision or verdict in each case; number of executions issued; against whom, and for what amount:

And that on Monday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause information to be laid before this House, whether an Assayer of weights and measures had been appointed for Bonavista, according to the terms of the Act of 1834 for regulating the standard of weights and measures in this colony; and if so, name of person appointed and when; number of weights and measures in each year assayed; for whom assayed; number of weights, measures and beams found incorrect: also, accompanied with inventory of the patterns of standard weights and measures on hand:

Also, that on Wednesday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a return of the number of grants and leases, made during the past year, of lands in the district of Bonavista; with the names of the lessees or grantees, and the extent and localities of such lands; and the conditions of such grants and leases; and whether

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Notice for Returns from Bonavista Court of Sessions.

Notice for Returns from the Assayer of Weights and Measures at Bonavista.

Notice for Return of Lands granted at Bonavista.

the same have been granted according to the terms of the Lands' Act of this colony, or how otherwise.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the Reduction of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony.

Committee on Salaries reduction Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HAYWARD took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

And the Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Time of 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That this House do now resolve itself a Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Report.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to adopt such measures as your Excellency may deem neces-

sary for the purpose of establishing a Branch of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank in the town of Harbor Grace.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Hayward and Mr. Bemister.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT.

Select Committee on Expiring laws.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed on Expiring Laws.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Emerson, Hogsett, and Little, do form such Committee.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1853.

Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Resolution reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and also to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

The Resolution was then read by the Clerk as follows, and on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Thousand pounds be expended in the making, repairing, and construction of Roads and Bridges in this colony.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Select Committee on Light-houses.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the necessity of more efficiently lighting, by the erection of Light-houses, the seaboard of this Island, and report upon the most eligible places for erecting the same, and to take evidence on the several matters connected therewith.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Emerson, Shea, Little, March, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Financial Statement for the year 1853, and a statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 10th January, 1853.

Financial Statement and statement of assets and liabilities of the colony.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the practice of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts.

Notice of Circuit Courts Amendment Bill.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1853.

Mr. HAYWARD presented five Petitions from the inhabitants of Cat's Cove, Colliers, and places adjacent, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to repair and open up some Branch roads in those localities.

Road Petitions from Conception Bay.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Nathan Norman and others, of Brigus, Cupids, Port-de-Grave, and Bay Roberts, which was received and read, setting forth,—The great advantages that would result from placing a Light-house on the Funks Island, and praying that steps may be taken for effecting this desirable object.

On Table.

Petition for Light-house on the Funk Island.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from John Joyce and others, ship-owners and shipmasters, of Carbonear, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they consider a Light-house upon the Funks Island would be more generally beneficial than on any other place on the eastern coast to the coasting and sealing trade of this country, as also to foreign vessels going to and coming from Canada through the Straits of Belle Isle, and praying that a Bill might be passed for the purpose of carrying out this most useful undertaking.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from James Wade and others of Cat's Cove, which was received and read, setting forth,—The great advantage that would result from opening up and completing the Ship Harbor

Road Petition from Car's Cove.

road, as thereby they would be enabled to procure valuable timber for ship and boat building, and praying that this line may be finished as soon as possible:

Road Petition from Cat's Cove.

He also presented a Petition from Patrick Leary and others, of Cat's Cove, Kitchen's Cove, and White Cliff, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a Branch line of road from those settlements to the Brigus Main line.

Road Petition from Heart's Content.

Mr. MARCH presented four Petitions from Richard Underhay and others, of Heart's Content, and Heart's Delight, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to complete Branch roads in those localities.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Road Petition from Burnt Point.

Mr. BEMISTER presented two Petitions from the inhabitants of Burnt Point, and of the South-side of Brigus, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to repair some Branch roads in those localities.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Notice for Returns of unexpended grants.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause to be laid before the House a detailed account of the unexpended Grants amounting to £7,700: also of the unexpended Road grants amounting to £1,760, shewing under what Act or Acts these grants were made; the particular Districts, and for what roads in these districts they were granted.

Order for 3rd reading of Salaries Reduction Bill.

Ordered,—That the third reading of the Bill to provide for the Reduction of the Salaries of the Principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony be read a third time to-morrow.

Poor Relief Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor was read a second time.

Time of Committal.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. WINSER,
Resolved,—That on Monday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered

the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read and are as follow:—

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, granted for the making, repairing, and construction of Roads and Bridges in this colony, be appropriated as follow:—

Saint John's.....	£1,794
Conception Bay.....	2,625
Trinity.....	834
Bonavista.....	837
Fogo.....	705
Fortune Bay.....	520
Ferryland.....	550
Burin.....	535
Placentia main road.....	1,100
St. Mary's.....	200
Placentia to Distress.....	100
Trinity to Catalina.....	100
Bay Bulls to Brigus.....	100
	£10,000

Resolutions—
and Com-
mittee
to present.

And the Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Agreed to.

Mr. BEMISTER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Funks Island, and the same was read a first time.

Funk Island Light-house
Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 9th March next.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMIL-
TON, *Esquire, Governor and Command-
er-in-Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland and its Dependencies,
&c. &c.*

Report of Select Committee
on the practice of the
Legislative Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will

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be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a return of the number of cases entered for trial in the Court of Sessions at Bonavista in each year since January 1st 1850 to December 31st 1852 ; stating the number of cases entered for trial ; names of Plaintiff and Defendant in each case ; amount sued for, or grounds of action ; when tried ; number and names of Magistrates presiding ; decision or verdict in each case ; number of executions issued ; against whom, and for what amount :

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Warren and Mr. Hogsett.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause information to be laid before this House, whether an Assayer of weights and measures had been appointed for Bonavista, according to the terms of the Act of 1834 for regulating the standard of weights and measures in this colony ; and if so, name of person appointed and when ; number of weights and measures in each year assayed ; for whom assayed ; number of weights, measures and beams found incorrect : also, accompanied with inventory of the patterns of standard weights and measures on hand.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Warren and Mr. Hogsett.

Notice of motion for Road Bill.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Wednesday next he would ask leave to bring in a Road Bill in conformity with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Report of Select Committee on the practice of the Superior Courts.

Mr. HOGSETT from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the practice of the Superior Courts of this Island, presented the following report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read :

The Select Committee appointed to report on the practice of the superior Courts of this Island, beg leave to report that they have taken evi-

dence on the subject, which they herewith submit, together with a Bill embodying the principles recommended by the several witnesses.

G. J. HOGSETT,
Chairman.

R. J. PARSONS,
A. SHEA,
P. F. LITTLE.

Committee-Room,
28th February, 1853. }

For evidence accompanying, (See Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Mr. HOGSETT, in accordance with the foregoing Report, on leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the practice of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, and the same was received and read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1853.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency would cause to be laid before the House a detailed statement of the expenditure on the Clock Tower on the Market-house.

Notice for Return of expenditure on Town Clock.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause information to be laid before the House, whether a grant has been given or promised to any person or persons, of the Funks Island.

Notice of Address for information in reference to the Funks Island.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Report of Commissioners of Light Houses with accounts for the year 1852.

Report of the Postmaster General, and Returns from, for the year ended 5th January, 1853.

Orders in Council of 10th and 27th November, 1852, leaving certain Acts to their operation.

On Table.
Circuit Court Amendment Bill read 1st time.
Notice for Return of expenditure on Town Clock.
Notice of Address for information in reference to the Funks Island.
Documents from His Excellency the Governor.
Report of Commissioners of Light Houses with accounts for the year 1852.
Report of the Postmaster General, and Returns from, for the year ended 5th January, 1853.
Orders in Council of 10th and 27th November, 1852, leaving certain Acts to their operation.

Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, disallowing the Inland Postal Act.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice for Postal Regulation Bill.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on Thursday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Inland Postages.

Petition in favour of a Light-house on the Funks Island.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Maurice Cummins and others, of St. John's, setting forth,—The advantages of the Funks Island as a Light-house station, and praying that steps may be taken for placing one there.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petitions from District of Burin.

Mr. BENNING presented a Petition from John S. Peach and others, of Mosquito, Kerby's, and Collins Cove, and also from Jacob Shut and others, of Burin Bay and Spoon Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to repair and open up the roads between those settlements.

Road Petitions from Goulds, Petty Harbor, &c.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from Thomas Doyle and others of the Goulds and Petty Harbor :

From Stephen Raddock and others, residing on the road between the Goulds and Deer's Marsh ; from Jeremiah Foran and others of Pouch Cove :

Road Petition from Black-Head.

From Edward Heally and others, of Black Head ; which were severally received and read,—All praying for grants to repair and complete roads in those localities.

Road Petition from Pouch Cove.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Wm. Mundy and others, of Pouch Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Branch road from the fishing rooms to the Saint John's main line.

Road Petition from Fox Harbor.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from P. Nowlan and others, of Fox Harbor, in Placentia Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road round that harbour.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Pouch Cove.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Edward Troy and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of Pouch Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road to the burial ground.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petitions from Placentia Bay.

Mr. HOYLES presented two Petitions from Daniel Kelly and others, of Ram's Island and Long Harbor ; and from William Keppel White and others, of Placentia Bay, which were severally received and read,—Pray-

ing for a grant to make a branch road from Sircley's Cove to the head of Long Harbor, to join the Ship Harbor line of Road. :

Also, from William Gallop and others, of Gaultois and Hermitage Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from Newman & Co's. premises to the Custom-house there:

Road Petition from Fortune Bay.

Also, from Fairfax Fishwick & others, of Hermitage and Connaigre, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road between those settlements.

Road Petitions from Hermitage Bay.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from the President of the Chamber of Commerce of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the Pickled Fish Act, so far as regards the inspection of Herring, has not been attended with that benefit contemplated by the framers of that Act, and has entailed a heavy expense on the fishermen without any commensurate advantage: that from the manner in which Inspectors have generally been in the habit of inspecting and branding Herring, the character of Newfoundland cured Herring has not been improved in foreign markets: that a fee of 6*d.* stg. per barrel for inspection, when the value of the article is so small, is felt to be a heavy drawback on the earnings of the fishermen; and praying that the Pickled Fish Act, so far as regards the inspection of Herring, may not be renewed.

Petition from the Chamber of Commerce on the Pickled Fish Act.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Henry LeMessurier and others, of Prescott-street, Military-road, Flahavan's-lane, and streets adjacent, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a public pump in those localities.

Petition for a Pump in Prescott Street.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

That the Bill for the reduction of the Salaries of the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony be now read a third time.

Notice for 3rd reading of Salaries Reduction Bill.

Whereupon,

Mr. HAYWARD moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of amending the clauses referring to the Magistrate of Harbor Grace, by expunging from the second Section all the words after "district" in the third line to "Harbor Grace" in the same line inclusive; also by expunging the two last words of the Section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "district": also by

Amendment.

expunging from the third Section after the word "district" in the second line, the words "and at Harbor Grace" and the word "officers" in the fourth line, and inserting "officer" in lieu thereof; and also expunging all the words after "whatsoever" in the 7th line.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

For the Amendment, 5. Against the Amendment, 7.

Division.

Mr. Benning	Mr. Little
" Hanrahan	" Shea
" Hayward	" March
" Hoyles	" Emerson
" Bemister,	" Talbot
	" Parsons
	" Winser.

Amendment negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put,

Mr. HAYWARD moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Second Amendment.

That the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of amending the third Section of the Bill, by adding the words "and fifty" before "pounds" in the last line.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 8. Against the Amendment, 5.

Division.

Mr. March	Mr. Hanrahan.
" Benning	" Hogsett
" Hayward	" Winser
" Hoyles	" Parsons
" Bemister	" Little.
" Emerson	
" Talbot	
" Shea.	

Amendment carried.

So it passed in the affirmative,

And accordingly,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the re-consideration of the said Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HAYWARD took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had further considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Bill re-committed.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Third reading.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion for an Address to the Governor for Returns of Grants unexpended, be withdrawn.

Notice of Address withdrawn.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the protection of the Fisheries, North and South.

Notice of Select Committee on Fisheries.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1853.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before the House a report of the proceedings of the Transatlantic Steam Commissioners for the past year.

Notice of Address for Return of Transatlantic Steam Commissioners.

Mr. PARSONS reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address for certain Returns of relief distributed to the poor of St. John's.

Replies of His Excellency to Addresses.

Mr. HAYWARD reported, from the deputation to present the Address requesting that His Excellency would cause a Branch of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank to be established at Harbor Grace, that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would lay the Address before the Directors of the Savings' Bank.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from John Rorke and others, of the River-head of Carbonear; and from Daniel Crane and others, residents at the Western end of Carbonear, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open Branch roads in those localities.

Road Petitions from Carbonear.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from James Moody and others, of Salmon Cove, West, and adjoining settlements in Trinity Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make roads in those localities.

Road Petition from Trinity Bay.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from John McStravick and others, of Juggler's and French Coves, and Bay Roberts, which was received

Road Petition from Bay Roberts, &c.

and read,—Fraying for a grant to make a Road about one mile and a quarter in length, from French's Hill to the main road near Squire's Hill.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Returns from the Supervisor of Roads for the year 1852, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address withdrawn.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion for an Address to the Governor, for Returns of Land granted at Bonavista, be withdrawn.

Road Bill read 1st time.

Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets and Bridges in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a detailed statement of the cost of the erection of the Clock-tower on the Market-house, and the names of the Contractors therefor.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House, whether a grant has been given or pro-

mised, to any person or persons, of the Funk Island or Islands, on the Eastern coast of Newfoundland.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Emerson.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the best means of protecting the Fisheries of this Island, North and South.

Select Committee on the Fisheries.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea, Hogsett, Hoyles, Benning and Bemister, do form such Committee.

Mr. WINSER moved, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to order of the day,

Motion for 3rd reading of Salaries Reduction Bill.

That the Bill for the Reduction of the Salaries of the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony, be now read a third time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Motion, 7.

Against the Motion, 4.

Division.

Mr. Winsor

Mr. Hoyles

“ Hogsett

“ Hayward

“ Parsons

“ March

“ Warren

“ Bemister.

“ Shea

“ Hanrahan

“ Little.

So it passed in the affirmative,

And accordingly,

The said Bill was read a third time.

Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the Bill do pass, and be entitled “ An Act to reduce and make provision for the payment of the Salaries of the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government in this Colony.”

Passed—and titled.

Ordered,—That Mr. WINSER and Mr. PARSONS, do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Committee on Ship-building Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINSER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Notice of Resolution of Thanks to Commander Cochrane.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move a Resolution of Thanks to the Commander of Her Majesty's ship *Sappho*, H. A. Cochrane, Esq., for his efficient protection of the Newfoundland fisheries on the Labrador coast and Belle Isle during the past season, and for his able report upon the subject transmitted to Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour, and laid before the Assembly by His Excellency the Governor, and that Mr. Speaker do transmit the same :

Address to Her Majesty

Also an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, thanking Her for the protection afforded by the Imperial Government to the Fisheries, and praying Her Majesty to continue the same ; and that the said Address be presented to the Governor for transmission to the foot of the Throne.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1853.

Road Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the making and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges in this colony, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Time of Committal.

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Notice of motion postponed.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of the Greenland Seal Fishery, be postponed till Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a report of the proceedings of the Transatlantic Steam Commissioners for the past year.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Shea and Mr. Hayward.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, asking for Returns of monies expended by the Central Board of Road Commissioners during the past year and to this date.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Representation of this colony, presented the report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
3rd MARCH, 1853. }

The Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the increase of Representatives in this colony, beg respectfully to report, that although a majority of the Committee are opposed to the principle of sub-dividing any of the present Electoral Districts ; yet from an anxious desire to conciliate the opinions of those in favour of sub-division, and in the hope that a reasonable compromise may secure the passing of a measure of such importance to the country in Her Majesty's Council, they have consented to recommend a fair Sub-division of the only District in the Island for which it has been most anxiously contended by those in favour of Sub-division.

The Committee having given the most earnest and impartial consideration to the whole subject, have embodied their matured plan for a general increase of Representatives in a Bill accompanying this Report ; which is calculated to secure a just and equal representation of the various interests and denominations of the population of this Island.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. F. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

EDMUND HANRAHAN.

ROBERT J. PARSONS.

On Table
Increase of Representatives
Five Bill read for time.

Address to Governor.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Notice of Address for Road Returns.

Report of Select Committee on the Representation of this colony.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Increase of Representatives Bill read 1st time.

Mr. LITTLE, in accordance with the foregoing Report, on leave granted, presented a Bill to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Notice for Seal Fishery regulation Bill.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that on Thursday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of regulating the Seal Fishery.

Notice for Select Committee on the Sovereign.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration the value of the Sovereign.

Petition on the value of Sovereign from currency of coin.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from the President of the Chamber of Commerce of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That it is highly desirable to determine the currency value of the Sovereign; that it would facilitate, and be of great utility to, the general business of the country if the value thereof was fixed at Twenty-four Shillings; and praying that an Act may be passed to that effect.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH, 1853.

Road Petition from Quidi Vidi.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Richard Power and others, of Quidi Vidi, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the Road leading to the Battery :

Road Petition from Freshwater.

Also, a Petition from John Neal and others, of Freshwater, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open up a road from thence to the Topsail road.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Quidi Vidi,

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Thomas Fower and others of Quidi Vidi, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Branch road to the Saint John's Main line.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Education Petitions from Fortune Bay.

Mr. HOYLES presented four Petitions from Thomas Appleby and others, of LaPoile, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants

to encourage Education by building School-houses ; to open Roads to facilitate Postal communication ; and also setting forth their claims to be represented in the House of Assembly :

He also presented a Petition from Samuel Cullen and others, of Hermitage Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build School-houses, and encourage Education.

Education Petition from Hermitage Bay.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from Michael Neal and others, of Gasler's and Salmon Cove, in Conception Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for grants to open and repair Roads in those localities.

Road Petition from Gasler's, &c.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. BENNING presented four Petitions from the inhabitants of Great St. Lawrence, Jean-de-Bay, Rock Harbor, and Mortier, which were severally received and read,—Praying for Road grants in those localities.

Road Petition from Burin district.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. BENNING presented a Petition from Edward Morris, Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners, of Burin, which was received and read,—Praying for grants to open up and complete the various roads in that district ; also a Petition from Michael Berney and others, of Rock Harbor, Jean de Bay, and Mortier, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to establish a Ferry from Big Head in Mortier Bay to Spanish Room.

Road Petition from Burin Board of Road Commissioners.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House statements of expenditure in relieving Shipwrecked Sealers in the year 1852, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency, requesting that he will cause to be laid before the House a return of the monies expended on the Ship Harbor Road, in the past year ; the mode of expenditure, whether by contract or days' work ; if the latter, giving the reasons why the law was thus violated—as well as the reason why some one or other of the duly appointed Inspectors or Surveyors of the Board was not employed to superintend the execution of the work on the said road.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House a particular and detailed return of the sum of £2707 18s. 3d. expended on the roads by the authority of the

Governor, or on the Governor's responsibility; stating on what particular road or roads; each person's name so employed; and if employed by the day, the sum per day; and the number of days for each particular person so named, and how paid; if the work was done by contract, the contracts to be laid before the House.

Notice of Select Committee on Colinet road.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take evidence on the advantages of the Colinet line of road.

Assent of His Excellency to Addresses.

Mr. HOGSETT reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address praying for a detailed account of expenditure on the Clock Tower over the Market-house.

Mr. PARSONS reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address praying for information relative to the Funks Island; and

Mr. WARREN, to the Addresses praying for returns of Weights and Measures; and from the Court of Sessions at Bonavista.

Committee of whole on Ship-building Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. WINNER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee stand first on the order of the day for Monday next.

Notice for Fishery Insolvency Bill.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of the Wages of Servants and fishermen in the event of the Insolvency of their hirers or employers:

Notice of Address for return of Crown Lands.

Also, that on Monday next he would move an Address to the Governor for a return of Lands granted under the Crown Lands' Act during the last year:

Notice of motion for Committee on the state of the Colony.

And that on Wednesday, the 16th inst., he would move the House into a Committee of the whole on the state of the colony, to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Responsible Government, and to adopt Addresses to the Queen and both Houses of Parliament thereon.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Wm. Boyce and others, of Western Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Road to the Northern Beach.

Road Petition from Western Bay.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Committee on Ship-building Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINSER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 8th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Queen, praying for a reduction of the present rate of Ocean Postage.

Notice for Address on Ocean Postage.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on Thursday next he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause information to be laid before the House, whether the plans of the towns of Brigus, Bay Roberts, Trinity, and Bonavista, have been taken in accordance with the grant made for that purpose in the last Session.

Notice for Address in reference to plans of Out-ports.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from Jonas Barter and others, farmers, near River-head, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to

Road Petitions from St. John's.

improve the Roads leading from Monday's Pond to Branscomb's Hill, and the Pennywell Road :

Road Petitions from Carbonear.

He also presented Petitions from James Cantwell and others, of Cape Spear and Blackhead ; John Brine and others, residents on the Dreelan's Hill road ; and Wm. Goss and others, of Torbay ; which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and complete Roads in those localities.

Road Petition from Wm. Goss and others.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Road Bill made 1st order.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole on the Road Bill stand first on the order of the day for Thursday next.

Document from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a copy of the license of the Funks Island, granted to Stephen March, Esq., transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH, 1853.

Road Petitions from La Manche & Toad's Cove.

Mr. WINNER presented Petitions from Matthew Melvin and others, of La Manche, which were severally received and read,—Praying for a grant to make the road from thence to Toads Cove :

Road Petition from Cape Broyle.

From John Cummins and others of Cape Broyle,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road from the South side to the main line ; and from Matthew Morry, jr., and others, of Stone Island, near Caplin Bay,—Praying for a grant to open a road from thence to Ferryland.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. BEMISTER presented Petitions from Philip Milley and others, of Western Bay, which were severally received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road from Bradley's Cove to the main line :

Road Petitions from Conception Bay.

And from John Munn and others, of Harbor Grace, setting forth,—The benefits that would result from placing a Light-house on the Funks Island ; and praying that steps might be taken to carry out this object.

Funks Island Light-house petition.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from Patrick Flood and others, of the South side of Holyrood, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road from the Ferry to the St. John's main line.

Road Petition from Holyrood.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. MARCH presented two Petitions from the inhabitants of Heart's Delight, and Turk's Gut, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open branch roads in those localities.

Road Petitions from Heart's Delight, &c.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause to be laid before the House a detailed return of the undermentioned sums of money granted to relieve the destitute labouring poor of the outports in the year 1852 ; stating particularly the names of persons relieved : the number of their families ; the names of the persons by or through whom such relief was given ; the amount to each person or family ; and if the employment was by the day, at what sum per day, and the number of days employed ; if by contract, the contract or the particulars thereof :—

Notice of Address for Returns of Poor expenditure

1852.

Oct. 15.	—Paid to	W. H. Mare, for Placentia	£48	17	1
	"	C. F. Bennett & Co., for Ditto	19	12	5
23.	"	Thomas Hutchings, Conception Bay	9	3	9
	"	Roger Sweetman, Placentia	28	12	0
28.	"	Robert Prowse & Sons, for Joe Bats Arm	29	6	3
Nov. 10.	"	J. B. Barnes, for Trinity Bay	49	8	0
"	"	Ditto for Burin	54	16	4
20.	"	Baine, Johnston & Co., for Heart's Content	35	3	10
"	"	Ditto for King's Cove ...	95	16	2
30.	"	W. H. Mare, for Twillingate	65	0	0
"	"	Ditto No place named	37	12	8
"	"	John Barron, for Port-de-Grave	42	17	9
Dec. 4.	"	Baine, Johnston & Co., for Bay-de-Verds	24	8	9
9.	"	J. B. Barnes, for Twillingate	71	10	0
	"	C. F. Bennett, for Brigus	26	17	4
15.	"	Job, Brothers, for Hants Harbor	245	14	0

1852.—Continued.

Dec. 22.	—Paid to J. B. Barnes—No place named	£22 12 6
15.	“ W. H. Mare, for Fox Harbor	59 19 1
	Job, Brothers, for Old Perlican	8 4 8
22.	“ J. B. Barnes—No place named	22 12 6
1853.		
Jan. 1.	“ Brooking & Son, for Carbonear	89 12 8
10.	“ Punton & Munn, for Harbor Grace	173 6 8
		£1,263 4 11

Notice of Address for
Seed potatoes.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on Friday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred pounds in the purchase of Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, and Barley, to be distributed throughout the several districts of this Island, among the poor inhabitants whose crops suffered from blight, upon condition that return in labour upon the roads or otherwise shall be made by those supplied, and that this House will indemnify His Excellency for such expenditure.

Document from His Ex-
cellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a return of the expenditure on the Clock Tower on the Market-house, as applied for by Address of the House of Assembly, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table

Ordered,—That the said document do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Select Committee on the
value of the Sovereign.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of determining the value of the Sovereign as a legal tender.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea, Bemister, Little, Emerson, and Hanrahan, do form such Committee.

Notice of Inland Post Bill
postponed.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Inland Postal Act, be postponed till Wednesday next.

Notice of motion with-
drawn.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion for an Address to the Governor for certain returns from the Road Commissioners, be withdrawn.

Greenland Fishery Bill
read 1st time.

Mr. MARCH, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the encouragement of the Greenland Seal Fishery, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a return of the monies expended on the Ship Harbor Road in the past year; the mode of expenditure, whether by contract or days' work; if the latter, giving the reasons why the law was thus violated—as well as the reason why some one or other of the duly appointed Inspectors or Surveyors of the Board was not employed to superintend the execution of the work on the said road.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Shea and Mr. Hogsett,

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take evidence upon the advantages of the Colinet line of road.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Shea, and Emerson, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a particular and detailed Return of the sum of £2707 18s. 3d. expended in the year 1852 on the roads, by authority of the Governor, or on the Governor's responsibility—stating on what particular road or roads; each person's name so employed; and if employed by the day, the sum paid per day, and the number

Address to Governor.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Motion for Select Committee on Colinet road.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Motion for Select Committee on Colinet road.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Address to Governor.

of days for each particular person so named, and how paid : Also all such contracts, if any, for the performance of such work.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. WINSER and Mr. Hogsett.

Insolvency Bill read 1st time.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to declare the law as to the prior claims of Servants in case of the Insolvency of their employers, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will cause to be laid before the House, a return of the number of acres of Crown Lands sold in this colony under the Crown Lands Act ; the names of the purchasers, and the amount received per acre.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. PARSONS and Mr. LITTLE.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

Address to the Queen on the subject of Ocean Postage.

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with feelings of profound devotion to Your Majesty's Royal person and Government.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

By the extension in the year 1841 of the Mail packet service to Newfoundland, very great facilities for communicating with other countries were afforded to the people of this colony—facilities which produced their usual result, in a large increase of our foreign correspondence.

But while we feel deeply grateful for this mark of Your Majesty's royal favor, we humbly conceive that we do not derive from it all the benefit that could be desired, in consequence of the present high rate of Ocean Postages; and that if such rate were considerably reduced, much advantage would in many ways arise to us without any permanent loss to the revenue derivable from this source.

We therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take into consideration the expediency of reducing the rate of Postage now established between Great Britain and this Colony.

Ordered,—That the Address be adopted and engrossed.

Adopted and engrossed.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty praying for a reduction in the rate of Ocean Postage, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Little.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts Amendment Bill, be read a second time on Monday next.

Time of 2nd reading of Circuit Courts Bill.

Ordered,—That the Poor Relief Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Time of Committal of Poor Relief Bill.

Mr. BEMISTER moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

That the Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Funks Island, be read a second time.

Motion for 2nd reading of Funk Island Light-house Bill.

After a lengthened debate,

Ordered,—That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next, then to stand first on the order of the day.

Notice of motion of Address in reference to Colonial Building.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting a detailed Account of the items constituting the charge made in the public accounts of Fifty pounds paid Joseph Crowdy for incidental expenses of the Colonial Building in the year 1852; and also that His Excellency will inform this House how many meetings were held by the Commissioners of that building during that year.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1853.

Road Petition from Conception Bay.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from Eliza Daw and others, of Coley's Point, Bay Roberts, which was received and read,—Praying that a sum of money may be appropriated for completing the Road on the South-side of the harbour.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address for returns of Road Contingencies.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to his Excellency, respectfully requesting that he will cause to be laid before the House a full and particular statement of all sums of money expended under the Road Act as contingencies, in each electoral district separately, from the 31st May, 1851, to the 10th of January, 1853; stating the name of the person paid; the time each payment was made; the office he holds, if any; or on or for any service or valuable consideration whatever.

Committee of whole on Road Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Representatives Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the Increase of Representatives in the General Assembly in this Colony, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That this House will on to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Time of Committal.

Mr. MARCH, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the Seal Fishery of this Island, and the same was read a first time.

Seal Fishery protection Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause information to be laid before this House, whether the plans of the towns of Brigus, Bay Roberts, Trinity, and Bonavista, have been taken in accordance with the grant made for that purpose in the last session of the Legislature.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Warren and Mr. Bemister.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a full and detailed account of the items constituting the charge made in the public accounts, of Fifty pounds paid to Joseph Crowdy for incidental expenses of the Colonial Building in the year 1852: and also that your Excellency will

Address to Governor.

inform this House how many meetings were held by the Commissioners of that building during that year.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. WINSER and Mr. HOGSETT,

Documents from the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House Returns from the Protestant Central Board of Education, and a statement of the affairs of the St. John's Water Company to 30th April 1852; transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Report of Select Committee on Education.

Mr. BEMISTER, from the Select Committee on Education, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed by the House to prepare and bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education, beg leave to report that they have given their best attention to this important subject, and have prepared a Bill accordingly, the general principles of which they approve, which they beg leave to annex and recommend to the favourable consideration of the House.

JOHN BEMISTER, *Chairman*.

EDMUND HANRAHAN.

JOHN HAYWARD.

A. SHEA.

G. H. EMERSON.

Committee-Room,
March 9th, 1853. }

Education Bill read 1st time.

Mr. BEMISTER, in accordance with the foregoing report, on leave granted, presented a Bill for the encouragement of Education, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the present Jury system, presented the report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read as follows:—

Report of Select Committee on Jury system.

The Select Committee appointed by this House to take into consideration the Jury system in operation in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, beg to report that they have taken the important subject into

their serious consideration, and having taken evidence thereon, respectfully submit the same, with a Bill embodying their views.

P. F. LITTLE, *Chairman.*
ROBERT J. PARSONS.
G. J. HOGSETT.

Committee-Room,
10th March, 1853. }

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE, in accordance with the foregoing Report, on leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the empannelling Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts of Newfoundland, and to determine the qualifications of Jurors in the said Courts, and the same was read a first time.

Juries Regulation Bill
read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 11th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from J. C. Harvey and others, of Bareneed and settlements adjacent, which was received and read, setting forth,—The advantages that would result from opening a road to the Forest about three miles from thence, by which they could procure not only firewood but excellent ship-building material; and praying that a grant might be made for this purpose; as also to alter the present road from thence to Bay Roberts:

Road Petition from
Bareneed.

He also presented a Petition from Thomas Smith and others, of Port-de-Grave and Bareneed, which was received and read, setting forth,—The disadvantage under which they labour from not having a Post-office there; and praying that they may be considered in any postal arrangements that may be made.

Petition from Port-de-
Grave for Postal Com-
munication.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Memorial from Robert John Pinsent, Stipendiary Magistrate at Harbor Grace, which was received and read, setting forth,—The very onerous duties he is called upon to discharge; and praying that his salary may be increased:

Memorial from R. J. Pin-
sent.

He also, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from the Board of Works, of the Province of Nova Scotia, setting

Petition from the Board
of Works of Nova Scotia.

forth,—That the Board has under its supervision, with other portions of the public service, the Humane Establishment on Sable Island, the sole object and purpose of which is the protection of life and property, from whatever country, and to whomsoever belonging. That the access to the Island being dangerous, a number of horses were placed on it as the only kind of stock that could survive throughout the winter, which might, in case of necessity, be used as food for the preservation of life. These horses have increased so much as to render it necessary to export from the Island as many as can conveniently be shipped, the proceeds on the sale of which are expended in the improvement of the establishment. That Great Britain contributes to the support of this humane establishment, and the surrounding colonies bear a proportion of the expense of Light-houses on St. Paul's Island, Scatterry, and Seal Islands, all sustained for the protection of life and property, in the benefits of which Newfoundland participates, as was evinced in the preservation of the crew of the brigantine *Ottoman*, wrecked in November last on Sable Island. That a shipment of horses was last year made to Newfoundland, the duty on which absorbed a great proportion of the price realized; and praying that the amount of duty may be refunded on that cargo, and that future shipments may be exempted from such charge.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Notice for Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Thursday next he will move the House into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Notice for Address for Returns of expenditure in shovelling snow.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause to be laid before the House a detailed statement of the sum of £82 12s. 2d., paid to James Douglas, Esq. for shovelling snow; stating the name of each labourer employed; the time when so employed; and the wages per day, and how paid.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the Returns from the Central Board of Road Commissioners, of work done on the Roads between St. Mary's and Salmonier, Salmonier and Placentia, and Holyrood and Salmonier, as applied for by Address of the House of Assembly.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency would, after the expiration of the present year, cancel the license of occupation given to Stephen March, Esq., to occupy the Funks Island for the purpose of carrying on the Seal fishery, as the said license of occupation is calculated to seriously injure the interests of a vast number of the fishermen of this colony, who have used that Island every season from time immemorial, who by this license will be denied the enjoyment of their customary privileges.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 14th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a detailed account, from the Supervisor General, of the contingencies under the Road Act 14th Vic., cap. 2, sec. 15.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

Mr. WARREN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a petition from Michael Fennel, acting gaoler of Bonavista, which was received and read, setting forth,—That for the past six years he has acted in that capacity, during which time he has also been stipendiary constable there, but for both services he has only received payment as constable, and praying that his appointment as gaoler may be confirmed and a sufficient salary voted him.

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. EMERSON, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a petition from James Rice, of Twillingate, which was received and read, setting forth,—That he had filled the office of constable in the district of Fogo for a period of twenty years and upwards, at a salary of twenty-two pounds per annum. That for the last twelve years he has acted as gaoler at Twillingate, having had charge of all persons confined from time to time either for debt or otherwise, without receiving any compensation ;

Documents from the Governor.

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Notice of Address in reference to Funk Island License.

Document from His Excellency the Governor.

On Table.

Petition of Michael Fennel of Bonavista.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Petition from James Rice of Twillingate.

and praying that an increase may be made to his salary for the time to come.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Road Petitions from Bonavista.

Mr. WARREN presented a petition from D. E. Nowlan and others, of Bonavista, Beachy Cove, Newman's, and Lower and Upper Amherst Coves, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from Bonavista to Seals Cove :

Also, a Petition from John Brown and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the line of road from thence to Catalina.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Road Petitions from Trinity Bay.

Mr. MARCH presented Petitions from Benjamin Sweetland and others, of Trinity, which were severally received and read, praying for a grant to make a road from thence to the North West Arm :

From John Neville and others, of Trinity and Bonaventure,—Praying for a grant to complete the road between those places :

From James Johnston and others, of Trinity,—Praying for a grant to make a road to connect Cuckholds Cove and Island Cove with the road leading from Trinity to Bonaventure :

From Ebenezer H. Stoneman and others, of Trinity,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from thence to Catalina :

And, from William Minty and others, of Bird Island Cove,—Praying for a grant to finish the road through that settlement.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Education Petition from Trinity Bay.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from William Stoneman and others, of Trinity, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they consider the Central Boards of Education prejudicial to the interests of education generally in this country ; and praying that in any measure to be enacted this session, the Central Board may be discontinued.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Adjourned debate on 2nd reading of the Funk Island Light Bill.

The order of the day for the adjourned debate on the motion that the Bill for the erection of a Light-house on the Funks Island be now read a second time, being resumed,

Resolved,—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Funk Island Light Bill read 2nd time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Mr. BEMISTER moved, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Motion for committal.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared:

For the Motion, 6.

Against the Motion, 8.

Mr. Hanrahan
 " Hayward
 " March
 " Bemister
 " Talbot
 " Hoyles.

Mr. Benning
 " Hogsett
 " Emerson
 " Little
 " Winsor
 " Parsons
 " Warren
 " Shea.

Division.

So it passed in the negative, and

Negatived.

Ordered accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 15th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on Monday next he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building, and that this notice stand first on the motion list for that day.

Notice for Committee on Ship-building Bill.

Mr. HAYWARD, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Lewis Emerson, which was received and read, setting forth,—That he was appointed Clerk of the Peace for Harbor Grace on the 1st April, 1851, in the room of Alfred Mayne, Esq., deceased, who for many years had held the situation at a salary of £150 per annum. That in the session of 1851 the House of Assembly reduced the salary to £100, thereby depriving him of one-third of the income enjoyed by his predecessor. That in the session of 1852 his salary was increased by £25. That he humbly conceives he has a just claim to enjoy the same amount of salary as his predecessor, his duties being not only equal to, but greater than those performed by him; and praying that the balance of £75, being the difference between what he has received and what he considers himself entitled to, may be voted him, and that for the future his salary may be placed on the same footing as the late incumbent.

Petition from Lewis Emerson.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Petition from James O'Neil.

From James O'Neil, of St. John's, setting forth,—That he had last year petitioned the House for some compensation for loss sustained by him in his old age as a teacher, from the establishment of endowed academies. That his petition had been referred to the Council for consideration, together with the petitions of James Campbell and Joseph Bacon, both similarly situated with himself. That the two last named had each received thirty pounds in consideration of the loss sustained, but that his claim had been disallowed. That he humbly conceives his claim for compensation equal to those of the before mentioned gentlemen ; and humbly prays that enquiry may be made into the circumstances, and that if found entitled, the same amount may be awarded him :

Road Petitions from St. John's and Pouch Cove.

From John Grace and others, of Torbay and Pouch Cove,—Praying for a grant to open a road from Waterman's Pond to Gallows Cove Pond :

From John Dillon and others, of St. John's, farmers, near the Wigmore Gulley road,—Praying for a grant to complete that road :

From Robert Rodger and others, farmers, near the Soldier's Path road,—Praying for a grant to complete the road so that it may join the Topsail Road near Norman's, thereby opening up the shortest road to Topsail :

Also, a Petition from Edward Troy and others, of Torbay,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from Michael Bulger's to the Torbay main line.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table

Road Petitions from Carbonear.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Joseph R. Watts and others, of the North-side of Carbonear, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open the road from Everett's Brook to English road :

Also, a Petition from Daniel Murphy and others, of the South-side of Carbonear, which was received and read,—praying for a grant to make a road from Maddox Cove to the Pond.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Jury Petition.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from David Baird and others, merchants, shopkeepers, and others, of Saint John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That memorialists are carrying on extensive mercantile business and other avocations in St. John's, and many of them pay duties to the amount of from two hundred to four hundred pounds a year into the colony. That they all occupy premises in this town, varying in amount of rental or annual value from fifty to two hundred pounds.—That by the rules of the Supreme Court they are excluded from sitting on Grand or Special Juries, either in that or the Central Circuit Court,

while persons are on the panel who are not engaged in the trade of the colony, who pay no duties directly to the Customs, and not one-tenth of the rental which memorialists pay ; nor are they worth, in some instances, any property whatever :—facts which are not stated in disrespect to these individuals, but to shew the invidious distinction and the injustice effected through the operation of the law as it now stands. That some of memorialists have applied to the Judges of the Supreme Court for redress, but they did not consider that they could interfere in their behalf as the rules of Court stand.

The Chief Justice however stated his objection to the rules which excluded memorialists from their rights as respectable citizens, and his desire, in the absence of authority in the Court to meet the evil, that the Legislature would remedy it by legal enactment.

Memorialists therefore beg leave most respectfully to suggest to your honourable House the qualifications which they conceive would extend the Grand Jury panel, make it more practical, and more just in its constitution.

In addition to the present qualification of being a principal merchant or gentleman, they would submit others which should entitle the possessors to equal consideration : the ownership of land or houses worth Five Hundred pounds, or the occupancy of premises worth a rental of One Hundred pounds a year. Such an extension of the Grand Jury panel would not take away from its respectability, while it would add to its efficiency.

There should be a separate qualification for Special Jurors, say the ownership of lands or houses worth Three Hundred pounds, or the payment of an annual rent of Fifty pounds, so as to comprehend respectable persons in trade and master tradesmen, whose knowledge is very often required on Special Juries.

That the Grand Jurors should also form Special Jurors, and there would then be a fair representation of practical experience and general intelligence combined in the administration of justice.

While memorialists take the liberty of making these suggestions on the qualifications which they deem proper and suitable for Grand and Special Jurors, they would not wish to be understood as not having a regard for the Petty Jury panel. A rental qualification of Twelve pounds a year, they think a fair standard for them : but memorialists also consider it reasonable that Special Jurors qualifying on the Fifty pounds rental, or the possession of lands or houses worth Three Hundred pounds, should not be excepted from serving in their turn on Petty Juries.

Thus would all the different interests of this community be fairly and

fully represented in our courts, in such a way as to remove all invidious and unjust distinctions.

Memorialists therefore pray that your honourable House will take the premises into your immediate consideration and enact a law embracing such of their views as will remedy the injustice of which they complain.

And for which, as in duty bound they will ever pray.

On Table.

Petition from Walter Shelly.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table

Mr. HOGSETT, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Walter Shelly, keeper of the Government Cottage on the Salmonier road, which was received and read,—Praying for a continuance of his yearly stipend.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from Charles Dalton and others, Harbor Grace.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from Charles Dalton and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, setting forth,—The onerous duties performed by Robert John Pinsent, Esq., the junior Stipendiary Magistrate of Harbor Grace; and praying that his salary may be increased.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the protection of the Fisheries, north and south, presented the Report, which

he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, as follows:—

The Committee appointed by your Honorable House to take into consideration the subject of the protection of the Fisheries, beg to report that they have given their best attention to this important matter, and take leave to submit the result of their deliberations.

As demanding the most immediate attention, the first inquiries of the Committee were turned to the bait traffic on the Western coast. They feel that the importance of arresting this suicidal trade on the part of our fishermen could not be over-estimated; but looking to the nature of the coast, the superior character of the craft employed in the trade, and the experience of former trials of prevention, they were unanimous in the view that the employment of a sailing vessel for the service would produce no result to justify the required outlay, and that unless a steamer could be obtained it would not be advisable to undertake it. They then applied in the proper quarter and found that neither the steamer *Ellen Gisborne*, now in this port, nor the *Lady LeMarchant*, could be procured, and thus circumstanced, they are unable to advise that any measure of prevention shall at present be adopted for the Western coast.

The Committee have taken into consideration the reports presented to the House from the several parties engaged in the protection of the Fisheries at Labrador, Belle Isle, and Cape John; and they observe with much satisfaction the concurrent testimony furnished by these documents to the highly beneficial results of the provision made last year for this service. It is clear, however, that to the presence of H. M. S. *Sappho*, the success of the operations of the colonial force was largely attributable, and they deem Commander Cochrane entitled to public thanks for the willing and energetic aid he appears always to have afforded in promoting the objects of this important undertaking. The several parts of the colonial system seem to have been well devised, and efficiently carried out; and in strongly recommending that the necessary means be provided for this service for the present year, the Committee would beg to suggest that due regard be had by the Executive to the employment of fast, well equipped craft, suited to the character of the mission for which they are designed.

In order effectively to suppress the traffic in bait on the Western coast, the aid of Her Majesty's Government appears to the Committee to be indispensable. From the energetic measures adopted last year, and the active interest that was manifested in the protection of our Fisheries, as shown by the visit to this place of Admiral Sir G. Seymour, and from the representations that were then made to His Excellency, the country was justified in entertaining the hope that this vital portion of the question of protection would have been adequately provided for at the instance of His Excellency.

Report of Select Committee on protection of the Fisheries.

The Committee observe however with regret that this expectation has not been realized, and that the project at that time wisely suggested of causing a small War Steamer to winter at Burin or its vicinity, in view of the early spring's operations, has not been carried into effect. To put down the traffic decisively will require that a War Steamer be placed in the locality in question, for the winter and spring months. The knowledge that such means of prevention are to be used (which will be impressed on the minds of the people by the presence of the ship during the winter months) will deter the major portion of them from preparing to engage in the pursuit; and when the time arrives, the work of protection would be comparatively easy, as few will hazard the serious risk it will then involve. Nor do the Committee apprehend that even the people generally of that part of the Island from which this trade is now carried on, will be injured by its prevention, for if, as is generally admitted, the Western cod fishery is severely injured by the activity of the French fishery on the Banks, it necessarily follows that the withdrawal of the present supplies of bait, in weakening the means by which the vigour of their operations is now sustained, would lead to a marked improvement in the summer voyages in the Western bays by which all the population would be beneficially affected. The new vents now being found for our herring trade, is an additional reason to negative the presumption that any injury can be consequent on the measure in question.

The Committee would urge on your honourable House the necessity of an appeal to Her Majesty's Government on this important point, and that His Excellency Sir GEORGE SEYMOUR be requested to give his valuable aid in promoting the object. Were this provision made, the employment of the usual force on the Labrador coast, in conjunction with the Colonial Cruizers, would give us a very efficient measure of protection, and be productive of results of the highest importance to the trade and general welfare of the colony.

In the protection afforded by Her Majesty's Government, it appears to your Committee that its efficacy is much impaired by the circumstance of a new Commander being appointed in each successive year. In this service it will be apparent that experience is highly valuable, and of this the colony is now deprived by the practice which has hitherto prevailed of sending a stranger every year, who, when he has acquired the knowledge that would give his after services much additional value, is replaced by another who in like manner acquires experience which remains equally unproductive of benefit to the colony. On this point the Committee recommend that the obvious remedy may be prayed for in the proper quarter. Respectfully submitted.

A. SHEA, *Chairman*.

H. W. HOYLES.

G. J. HOGSETT.

J. BEMISTER.

C. BENNING.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from James Murphy and others, of Cape Broyle, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road through that Harbour.

Road Petition from Cape Broyle.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented Petitions from Wm. Hollet and others, of Woody Island; John Basley and others, of Sound Island; Richard Hollet and others, of Southern Harbour, Arnold's Cove, and Bordeaux; Patrick Culleton and others, of Burgeo and neighbourhood, in Placentia Bay; which were severally received and read, setting forth,—The advantages that would result to them by completing the road from Long Harbour to Brigus; and praying that a grant may be made for this purpose.

Petitions from Placentia Bay in favour of the Long Harbour line of road.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate, out of the Treasury, the sum of Five Hundred pounds, in the purchase of Seed potatoes, Seed oats and Barley, to be distributed throughout the several districts of this Island, among the poor inhabitants whose crops suffered from blight during the past year, on condition that they will make a return therefor in labor on the roads or otherwise; and this House will make provision for the said sum.

Address for Seed potatoes and Grain.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. WARREN and Mr. HOGSETT.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Notice of motion for an Address to the Governor, to withdraw the license of occupation of the Funks Island to Stephen March, Esq., be postponed till to morrow.

Notice postponed.

Ordered,—That the Notice for the Committee of the whole on the state of the colony, be postponed till Wednesday next.

Notice postponed.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of the Bill for the mak-

Committee on Road Bill.

ing, repairing, and construction of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House Returns from the Surveyor General under the Crown Lands' Act, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till Friday next at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a detailed statement of the expense of shovelling Snow during the winter of 1852, as applied for by Address of the House of Assembly.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Statement do lie upon the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Return of the expenditure of £50 paid Joseph Crowdy, on account of Contingencies of the Colonial Building, and the Report of the Roman Catholic Central Board of Education, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of his Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Mr. HOGSETT, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the claims of certain persons for payment of work done on the Colinet line of road, presented the following Preliminary Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read :—

On Table.

Progress reported.

Documents from the Governor.

On Table.

Documents from the Governor.

On Table.

Document from His Excellency the Governor.

On Table.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
March 18, 1853. }

The Select Committee appointed to report on certain claims for work done on the Colinet line of road, beg leave to report that they have taken evidence with reference to the claim of Robin Fitzpatrick and Peter Walsh, two of the parties claiming compensation for work done on the said road, together with the communication of Mr. Delaney, the surveyor employed on said road.

Report in reference to
Colinet Road claims.

The Committee recommend that the amount claimed by these men should be paid them, as by reference to the evidence it will be seen that upon the completion of the work, no one was there to inspect, pass, or condemn it.

The Committee make this partial Report, as the parties above referred to are now in St. John's in great distress, and will proceed to report in full as soon as they are in a position to obtain evidence upon the several claims.

G. J. HOGSETT, *Chairman.*

P. F. LITTLE.

Ordered,—That the Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that his Excellency will cause the sum of £5 11s. due Robert Fitzpatrick and Peter Walsh, for work done on the Colinet line of road, to be paid them.

Notice of motion for Ad-
dress on Colinet Road
claims.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause a return of the number of Tanks and Pumps made in the town of St. John's, under the superintendence of the Surveyor General; and the cost of each, and where situated; and the amount of the balance, if any, remaining in the hands of the Surveyor General, of the vote of last session, for the making of Pumps:

Notice of Address for
returns of Pumps and
Tanks.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause a copy of the Instructions (if any) relative to the giving relief to the Permanent or Casual Poor, to be laid before the House.

Notice of Address for
Poor Relief instructions.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on Monday next he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to report upon the working of the Pickled Fish Act.

Notice of Select Com-
mittee on Pickled Fish
Act.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from James Murphy and others, of Renewse, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road through that settlement.

Road Petition from Re-
newse.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from William Hennessey and others, of Chamberlains, South shore of Conception Bay, which was re-

Road Petition from
Chamberlains.

ceived and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from the St. John's main line to the beach passing near George Smith's property.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petition from George Webber.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from George Webber, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That he had been a school-master for the last fifteen years, the first part of which had been spent in Pouche Cove and Trinity, but that since 1843 he had acted in that capacity in St. John's, and had received £80 per annum as salary. That he had during the whole time faithfully discharged his duties, and that no complaints had ever been made against him, and that the progress of his pupils was most satisfactory. That without warning he was summarily dismissed from his situation by the St. John's Central Board of Education, which he conceives to be a most unjust act upon the part of the Board, and most prejudicial to his future prospects; and praying that the House will adopt such measures to obtain him redress as they may think the circumstances of the case warrant.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 21st MARCH, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, presented the report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed by this House to consider the expediency of extending the operations of the Savings' Bank, beg to report that having taken the accompanying evidence of gentlemen whose experience and standing entitle their opinions to much weight, and having fully considered the subject with a due regard to the interests of the Bank and the public, they have resolved upon making the following recommendations :—

First,—That an Address be adopted by the House to His Excellency the Governor, requesting the immediate removal of all the public monies from the Bank of British North America to a safe and convenient place of deposit under the direct control of the Treasury and Savings' Bank. The Committee are of opinion that such a step is absolutely necessary to sustain and extend the circulation of the Treasury Notes, to prevent any one Bank having a monopoly of the circulating medium, and to enable the Saving's Bank to conduct its affairs, freed from the undue insight which the Bank of British North America at present possesses by reason of the keeping of its monies.

Secondly,—The Directory of the Savings' Bank should be separate and distinct from that of the other Bank. Very decided objections are generally entertained to any Mercantile men engaged in trade being at the same time Directors of these Institutions. Those who require accommodation are generally rivals in trade of such Directors, whose interest it would be to tighten or refuse discounts at the very time when the produce of the country is in the market, and thus oblige many purchasers to sell their Bills at a low rate of exchange, or drive them out of the market. Besides this evil, the two Banks, being rivals in business, are evidently opposed in interest ; and it is therefore unreasonable to expect any one Director faithfully to serve both Institutions.

Thirdly,—The Savings' Bank should open current accounts with the Trade and all depositors who may desire it.

By this means its fluctuating balance of cash on hand would be considerably increased, which would be a matter of much importance, especially where such accounts would not bear interest unless they came within the rule of general deposits. It would thus secure the business of many who, already transacting large discounts with it, would wish to confine their Bank account exclusively to one Institution. Under no circumstances, however, should depositors be permitted to overdraw without the usual security.

Fourthly,—The Savings' Bank has grown from its original character as a place of deposit for the savings of the humble, into an important discounting establishment. Its operations in both respects have been highly successful. To contract its progress by placing or continuing any im-

Report of Select Committee on Savings' Bank.

Time of Committee.

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proper obstacles in the way of depositors, or by curtailing its means of affording accommodation to the trading public, would be at once unwise and highly injurious.

Past experience has thus shewn that a safe and profitable business has been done by the Bank, and every facility should therefore be given to increase its usefulness and promote its prosperity.

It would be desirable to provide a more convenient place of business than the present for the Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. F. LITTLE, *Chairman*.
 A. SHEA,
 JOHN BEMISTER,
 JOHN H. WARREN,
 GEO. J. HOGSETT.

For Evidence accompanying, see *Appendix*.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to increase the present number of Representatives in this colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WARREN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend the practice of the northern and southern Circuit Courts, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House on Thursday next.

Ordered,—That the Bill for the encouragement of the Greenland Seal Fishery, be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered,—That the Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor be committed to the whole House on Monday next.

Committee of Select Com-
 mittee on Savings Bank.

On Table.

Committee of whole on
 Increase of Representa-
 tives Bill.

Progress reported.

Circuit Courts Bill read
 2nd time.

Time of Committal.

Time of 2nd reading of
 Greenland Seal Fishery
 Bill.

Time of Committal of Poor
 Relief Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the payment of wages of fishermen and others in cases of the insolvencies of their employers, was read a second time.

Insolvency Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House on Thursday next.

Time of Committal.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the encouragement of Education was read a second time.

Education Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. BEMISTER, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House on Monday next.

Time of Committal.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the protection of the Seal Fishery was read a second time.

Seal Fishery Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. MARCH, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House on Thursday next.

Time of Committal.

Ordered,—That the Road Bill be committed to the whole House on to-morrow.

Time of Committal of Road Bill.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, informing him of the adoption of the resolution of the Committee of Supply for the abolition of the office of Stipendiary Magistrate of St. George's Bay; and requesting His Excellency to communicate the same to the incumbent of that office.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1853.

Mr. WARREN reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address asking whether plans of various outports had been taken in accordance with the Address passed last session, had said that the plans had been prepared as requested:

Replies of Governor to Addresses.

Also, that in reply to the Address praying that £500 might be expended in purchasing seed potatoes and grain, for distribution among the poor whose crops had suffered from blight, His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. LITTLE reported that, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to forward the Address to Her Majesty on Ocean Postage, His Excellency had been pleased to say he should have much pleasure in doing so.

Petition from Brigus, south.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from James Keefe and others, of Brigus, south, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a bridge from thence to the island, whereby they could more easily procure room-stuff which is at present difficult to obtain, and expensive from their being obliged to boat the same :

Petition from Renewse.

Also, a Petition from James Murphy and others, of Renewse, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from thence to Aquaforte.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. HAYWARD presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Petitions from Conception Bay.

From G. W. R. Hierlihy and others, of Bryant's Cove,—Praying for a grant to make a new road from thence to the eastward of the present line leading to Harbor Grace, which, from its hilly nature, is perfectly useless for traffic :

From William Simmons and others, of Mosquito,—Praying for a grant to finish the road leading to the main beach, and also to repair the road to Harbor Grace :

From Wm. Northcot and others, of Bryant's Cove,—Praying for a grant to complete the road through that settlement.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petitions which were severally received and read :—

Petitions from Broad Cove, &c.

From Wm. Gray and others, of Broad Cove,—Praying that a Constable may be appointed for that settlement :

From W. H. Bursell and others, of Broad Cove,—Praying for a grant to repair and complete the Branch road from thence to Coady's Well :

From Wm. Ryan and others, of Torbay,—Praying for a grant to make a Branch road from Martin McGuire's to the St. John's main line :

From Michael Aylward and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to complete the Flower Hill Firebreak between Water Street and New Gower Street :

From John Jackman and others, of the eastern end of Belle Isle, setting forth,—Their destitute state ; and praying for relief.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Simon Gregory and others, of Brigus, by south, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the main road from thence to Ferryland.

Petition from Brigus, south.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House copy of a Despatch from the British Minister at Washington in reply to the Address of the House of Assembly on Free Trade, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :

The Despatch was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

Washington, March 10, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 23rd ultimo, transmitting to me an Address from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland relative to the negotiation I had commenced with the government of the United States on the subject of Reciprocal Trade and the Fisheries of the British North American colonies.

Despatch from British Minister at Washington.

In reply I beg leave to inform Your Excellency that the Bills on these subjects which had been laid before Congress have not been passed, and that as the Congress has been closed, and as the next session will not commence before December next, ample time has been secured for the consideration by Her Majesty's Government of the views of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, which have been laid before the Queen in their petition addressed to Her Majesty on the 23rd ulto., a copy of which you did me the honour to transmit to me in your above mentioned letter.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency

KER B. HAMILTON, Esq., Governor of Newfoundland.

Ordered,—That the Despatch do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1853.

Petitions from Adam's Cove and Mosquito.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented the following petitions which were severally received and read:—

From John Martin and others, of Adam's Cove,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road from the sea side to the main line of road:

And from Wm. Taylor and others, of Mosquito, setting forth,—Their distressed state, from the failure of the crops last year; and praying that employment may be afforded them in repairing the main roads in that locality, which, owing to the late floods, have been greatly damaged.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to sanction the immediate repair of the main road between Harbor Grace and Carbonear, the expense of so doing to be defrayed out of the Road grant for the present year.

Petition from Brigus, Cupids, and Salmon Cove.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a petition from Wm. E. Shenstone and others, of Brigus, Cupids, and Salmon Cove, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they represent more than one-third of the population of Conception Bay; that they are principally employed during the winter in building boats and vessels; that the completion of the road opened from Brigus to Long Harbour would be of great benefit to them as it passes through a fine timber country, which, from the want of a road, is now placed beyond their reach; and praying that a grant may be made for this purpose:

He also presented a Petition from Wm. Spracklin and others, of Cupids, which was received and read,—Praying for grants to complete the road from thence to Saint John's main line; to make a road to join the Ship Harbour line at the Goulds River; to open a road round the North

Ponds, and also to repair the road through the harbour, and from the River-head round to the Quay.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from Pelagius Nowlan and others, of Great and Little Placentia, which was received and read, setting forth,— That they consider the Ship Harbor line of road the shortest way to the capital, and it must, on the completion of the Cape Ray Telegraph line, become the grand Western Road. That the road by taking this direction will obviate the difficulty in the transmission of cattle, &c., as at present, and will avoid a water passage to Long Harbor and Ship Harbor; and praying for a grant to open a branch line from Spread Eagle Peak on the Ship Harbor road to come out either at Fennesy's Bridge or at Marquay's Neck, at which latter place shipping of any burthen may anchor in safety at all times of the year.

Petition from Great and Little Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from William Brown, and others, of Port-de-Grave and Northern River, which was received and read,— Praying for a grant to make a branch road at the North Bank.

Petition from Port-de-Grave.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Walter Power and others, of Outer Cove,—Praying for a grant to make some branch roads to the St. John's main line :

Petitions from Outer Cove, &c.

Also, a Petition from Edward Leary and others, of Freshwater,—Praying for a grant to repair the Oxen Pond Bridge, and to finish the road in that locality.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from Joseph H. Parsons and others, of Freshwater and its vicinity, in the district of Carbonear, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a bridge over the brook between Beaver Pond and Forest Pond; and also to continue the road which is already partly opened in that locality:

Petition from Freshwater, Carbonear.

He also presented a Petition from Wm. Hoyles and others, of Carbonear and North shore of Conception Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a new line of road from Clown's Cove Hill to the road now existing south of Rural Retreat.

Petition from Carbonear.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from Patrick Murphy and others, of the North side of Trinity Bay, which was received and read, setting forth,

Petition from North-side of Trinity Bay.

—That all vessels from Foreign ports bound to Conception, Trinity, Bonavista, and Green Bays; and also all sealers, coasting vessels, and boats from Labrador and other Northern ports, bound to St. John's or Conception Bay, always endeavour to make the Island of Bacalieu their landfall; and praying for a grant to erect a Light-house thereon.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petitions from Point Mall.

Mr. HOGSETT presented Petitions from the inhabitants of Point Mall and Branch, which were severally received and read,—Praying for a grant to open und repair roads there:

Also, a Petition from Wm. Devereux and others, of Marquees, which was received and read,—Praying that a school may be established there.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Bill to prevent trespass on granted lands, &c.

Mr PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the prevention of trespasses on Granted Lands and Freehold Property:

Notice of Address to Governor.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor for a return, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Market-house Act, (which has not been complied with) of all penalties recovered, and of all rents and rates received from the said Market-house, and of the Public Wharf opposite to the said Market-house, from the period of the establishment of said Market-house to the present date:

Notice of motion for appointment of Select Committee.

And, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee on the matter of the petition of George Webber, Teacher.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, for copies of Returns of the Duties received from the Custom-house Officer at Burin.

Committee of whole on Increase of Representatives Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the increase of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WARREN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

On motion that the Report be adopted,

The House divided, when there appeared:

For the Motion, 9.

Against the Motion, 4.

- Mr. Hanrahan
- " Emerson
- " Benning
- " Shea
- " Parsons
- " Hogsett
- " Little
- " Talbot
- " Winsor.

- Mr. Hoyles
- " Bemister
- " Warren
- " March.

Division.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the House at its rising, do adjourn till Eleven o'clock instead of Two as hitherto.

Motion for House to meet at Eleven instead of Two o'clock.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the empanelling of Jurors was read a second time.

Jurors' Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House on Tuesday next.

Time of Committal.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Eleven of the clock.

MONDAY, 28th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from James Eagan and others, of King's Cove, Broad Cove, Knight's Cove, and Stock Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from King's Cove to Catalina.

Petition from King's Cove, &c.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—

From Joseph Bacon, of St. John's, School-master,—Praying for compensation for loss sustained by him as a private teacher, from the establishment of endowed Academies:

Petitions from St. John's.

From Ellen McGrath, widow of Thomas McGrath, late of St. John's, setting forth,—That her late husband had been imprisoned on a charge of smuggling in the year 1847, and sentenced to pay a fine of £100, together with £44 costs incurred in carrying on the suit. That he was confined from January 1848 till July of the same year, when he was released upon payment of the before mentioned costs. That the impaired state of his health rendered it impossible for him to earn anything for the support of his family, and after his release, and his death taking place four months thereafter, rendered her entirely destitute. That she had been obliged to borrow the £44 before mentioned, upon which she has since been paying interest. That Her Majesty's Attorney General, in consideration of her distressed state, had remitted the amount of his fees £28 5s. 4d. ; and praying that the House would grant her the sum of £15 4s. 8d., so that she may be enabled to repay the money which she at present owes on account of her late husband's imprisonment.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor on the Petitions of Joseph Bacon and Ellen McGrath, and also on the Petition of James O'Neil.

Petitions from St. John's.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Henry Earle and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that an Act may be passed to prevent the killing of wild fowl at such seasons of the year as will prevent their breeding :

Also, a Petition from Philip St. John and others, farmers, on the Waterford-bridge road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair Renouf's Bridge.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petitions from Bryant's Cove, &c.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from James Coughlan and others, of Bryant's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from the Beach to the Spaniards Bay main line :

Also, a Petition from Arthur Thomey and others, of Musquito, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road from Mosquito Valley to the foot of Lady Pond.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Bradley's Cove.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from James P. King and others, of Bradley's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Branch road from thence to the Conception Bay main line.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Harbor Grace and Carbonear.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from Punton & Munn and others, owners of Sealing vessels in Harbor Grace and Carbonear, which was re-

ceived and read, setting forth,—That in the event of a mild spring, and no ice to be seen off the eastern coast of this Island from Trinity Bay southward (as was the case this year) in future years about the first March, they are apprehensive that if the Sealing craft are permitted to sail on that voyage so early as they now usually do, they may meet with young seals not half grown, which, if taken in that state in large quantities, would be a serious loss to the colony, to what it would otherwise be if they were left undisturbed a few days longer to grow: A case in point took place a few years ago, when a vast number of such seals were brought in, including small ones commonly called cats, which was principally the cause of altering the mode of sale and purchase of such seals; previously they were sold by tale; subsequently, the judicious way, by weight. Under this impression, they are of opinion that if a law was passed to the effect that no vessel should be cleared out for the Seal fishery in future years until a certain day in March, to be named by your honourable House, and they hope it may not be thought unbecoming in your petitioners to say they think about the fifth of March would be a good time.

Secondly,—Your Petitioners consider that the prosperity of a great number of our hardy men would be increased if a law were passed determining the number of men and boys to be employed in each sealing vessel in future, according to her respective tonnage, as the system now pursued in that trade is prejudicial to the sharemen as well as to the general good in other respects. In the first place the sharemen have no power whatever in preventing the owners and masters from engaging so many men as they please; the consequence is that some of the crews are so large that whilst the owner will be saved from loss by a short catch of seals, the men will not share enough to pay their expenses; therefore it is thought if there were less men in such vessel, they would have nearly as many seals as with the larger number. In the second place, many first class sealers are gone out this season with not near the complement of men that was desirable, for want of men, because others had what may be considered more than was necessary for the good of the sharemen, unless a full cargo be obtained, which is not generally the case.

Your petitioners beg leave to lay before your honourable House a grievance of long standing—that is, many unprincipled men think very lightly of a sealing agreement which they had signed, so much so, that without any notice to the other party, will ship themselves in other vessels; others having taken up supplies upon the strength of their proceeding on the sealing voyage, have abandoned it altogether, and often upon frivolous excuses. The petitioners humbly hope your honourable House will make provision by statute, making sealing agreements binding upon all parties as in the case of the “Act for regulating the service of merchant seamen engaged in the vessels of this colony.”

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Bill to Incorporate Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate a Marine Insurance Company.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor requesting to be informed whether any reply has been received to the Address to the Secretary of State for the Colonies last session, requesting that a survey of the south-eastern and northern coasts of Newfoundland may be taken.

Motion for 3rd reading of Increase of Representatives Bill.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to order of the day,

That the engrossed Bill to provide for the Increase of Representatives be now read a third time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

For the Motion, 9.

Against the Motion, 4.

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Warren

“ Parsons

“ Hoyles

“ Shea

“ Hayward

“ Hogsett

“ March.

“ Benning

“ Winser

“ Talbot

“ Hanrahan

“ Emerson.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

3rd reading.

Accordingly the said Bill was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Passed.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to provide for the Increase of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the representation thereof.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Parsons do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee of whole on Road Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the construction of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Extracts from proceedings of the Central Road Board, relative to the Ship Harbor line of Road :

Distribution of Sixty pounds to Shipwrecked Sealers at Brigus :

Account of expenditure of Three Thousand pounds under the Harbor Grace Street Acts 9 & 10 Vic., cap. 4 :

Returns from Surveyor General on account of expenditure for Tanks and Wells, and for removing Rocks at Quidi Vidi :

Return of persons employed on roads in the Districts of Harbor Grace, Bay Bulls, Trinity, Trinity Bay West, and St. Mary's.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

At One o'clock the House adjourned till half-past Two this day.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Commit-

Committee of whole on
Great Central Bill.

Progress reported.

Documents from the
Governor.

Documents from the Gov-
ernor.

On Table.

House adjourns till half
past Two o'clock.

Committee of whole on
Road Bill.

Progress reported.

Amendments agreed to.

Time of 3rd reading.

Committee of whole on
Circuit Courts Bill.

tee of the whole upon the Bill to amend the practice of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Documents from the Gov-
ernor.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents:—

Letters from the Collector of Revenue, St. John's, and Landing and Tide Surveyor on the subject of the duties of the last named officer, and the necessity of appointing another.

Letter from the Surveyor General on the subject of the LeMarchant road, and amount required to complete the same.

Letter from B. G. Garrett, Chairman of the Penitentiary Commissioners, with four returns connected with the Penitentiary.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Second class
Tide-waiters.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Richard Landey and others, second class Tide-waiters, of St. John's, which was received and read,—setting forth,—The small amount of their allowances; and praying for an increase.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to
Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor in reference to the foregoing petition:

Notice of Address to Gov-
ernor.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to place the sum of £100 at the disposal of the Central Board of Road Commissioners, to afford employment to the able-bodied poor, now destitute of employment, on the streets of the town, the amount to be taken out of the money raised under the St. John's Re-building Acts.

Notice of Address to Gov-
ernor.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the steamer *Ellen Gisborne* to be hired for the protection of the Fisheries to the southward.

Ordered,—That this Notice do take precedence of the orders of the day.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

TUESDAY, 29th MARCH, 1853.

Mr. WARREN moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that his Excellency will cause the steamer *Ellen Gisborne* to be employed for one month to prevent the exportation of bait to the French.

Motion for Address to Governor.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :

For the Motion, 4.

Against the Motion, 6.

Mr. Hoyles
 “ Warren
 “ March.
 “ Shea.

Mr. Winser
 “ Benning
 “ Hanrahan
 “ Parsons
 “ Emerson
 “ Hayward.

Division.

So it passed in the negative, and

Negatived.

Ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to place the sum of £100 at the disposal of the Central Board of Road Commissioners, for the purpose of affording employment on the streets of St. John's to the able bodied poor, now out of employment ;

Address to Governor.

the said sum to be taken out of the amount raised under the St. John's Re-building Act.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Message from H. M. Council.

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for ascertaining the population of this Colony and other statistical information," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
22nd March, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for ascertaining the Population of this colony, and other statistical information," were read a first time and are as follow:—

Amendments,

In the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Sections of the Bill, and at the commencement of each of these Sections, expunge the words "and be it enacted that."

" 2nd Section, 5th line—Expunge the words "in the present year."

" " 6th line—Expunge the word "other,"—and between "as" and "hereafter" insert "are."

" 3rd " 2nd line—Expunge the word "Stipendiary."

" " 3rd line—Insert after the word "aforesaid" the words "to hold a Court of Revision."

" " 7th line—Insert the word "all" at the commencement of this line,—and after the word "persons" insert "appointed to take the Census as aforesaid."

" " 8th line—Expunge the word "Stipendiary."

" 4th " 11th line—Expunge the third word in this line, and insert in place thereof "have duly notified that he or they have been."

" 5th " 11th line—Expunge the whole of this line.

In the 6th Section, 1st line—After the word “there” insert the word “shall.”

“ “ 5th line—Expunge the words “this present year” and insert in their stead “the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five.”

“ 7th “ 2nd line,—Expunge the words between the words “taken” and “in”.

“ “ 3rd line,—Expunge the first two words of this line, and insert “the” in their stead—expunge also the word “three” and insert “five” in place thereof.

“ “ 5th line,—Expunge the last four words of this line, and the first word in the sixth line, and in place of the word “fifth” insert “eighth.”

“ “ 7th line,—Expunge the words “first to be taken,” and at the end of this section, insert the words “and they may strike out any which may be deemed inconvenient”.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Passed Her Majesty’s Council, }
22nd March, 1853. }

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee 'of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the erection of a Penitentiary.

Notice of Penitentiary Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Documents from Governor.

Return of Prisoners confined in the Saint John’s Lock-up House between certain periods, as applied for by Address of the House of Assembly :

Statement of relief afforded the Poor from 1st January to 1st July, 1852 :

Monthly abstract of expenditure on account of Casual and Permanent Poor, from 1st July to 31st December, 1852.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 30th MARCH, 1853.

Petition from C. D. Newman.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from C. D. Newman, Bachelor of Arts, and master of the St. John's Academy, which was received and read, setting forth,—That since the passing of the Act 13th Vic., cap. 5, he has been compelled to defray the charge of providing a School-room for the branch of the Church of England Academy out of his annual salary. That the Act 7th Vic., Cap. 3, under which he was appointed Senior master of the St. John's Academy in the year 1845, contemplated the erection not only of suitable school-rooms, but also residences for the masters. That he has been annually allowed the sum of Twenty pounds, in lieu of house-rent ; and praying that such an amount may be granted him as the House may deem just and expedient :

Petition from Belloram.

He also, with consent of his Excellency the Governor, presented a petition from John Marshall and others, of Belloram, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Pier at the entrance of that harbour.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from J. V. Nugent.

Mr. PARSONS, with consent of his Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Valentine Nugent, Junior master of the St. John's Academy, which was received and read, setting forth,—That from the time of his appointment until the sub-division of the Academy he always had his house rent free, and other expenses attendant on the school paid by the Academy Board. That since the sub-division of the Academy the expenses of the Roman Catholic School under his direction have been granted by the Legislature ; and praying that the usual grant may be made him.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. HAYWARD, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, transmitted a Memorial from the Directors of the Saint John's and Carbonear Electric Telegraph Company, which was received and read,—Praying that the sum of £83 10s. 4d., being cost of repairing the Wires and Posts, which have been wantonly damaged by evil disposed parties, might be granted them.

Memorial from Electric Telegraph Company.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. HOGSETT, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Martin Shea, first clerk in the General Post-office, at St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That his duties had greatly increased since the establishment of Postal communication throughout the Island ; and praying for an advance of salary.

Petition from Martin Shea, St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HAYWARD, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Bryant's Cove, Upper Island Cove, and South-side of Harbour Grace, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to establish a Ferry from the North to the South-side of the the harbor of Harbor Grace.

Petition from Bryant's Cove, &c.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Charles Fox Bennett, the President of the Directors of the St. John's Hospital, setting forth,—That they would respectfully draw the attention of the House to the existing Hospital Act, and beg leave respectfully to suggest the reconsideration of some of the principles of an Act introduced in a former session of the Legislature ; a section of which proposed the annexation to the establishment of a General Seamen's Hospital, to be supported by a tonnage duty of three pence per ton payable once a year by all vessels entering this port.

Petition from C. F. Bennett, President St. John's Hospital.

By such an arrangement the disbursements of the Institution would not be materially increased, and as the revenues of the Hospital would be placed on a more satisfactory footing than they now are, they would respectfully urge upon Your Honorable House the introduction of an Hospital Act, somewhat similar to the one laid before the Honorable House of Assembly on the 14th March, 1851.

They have to acknowledge the receipt of £100 from the Legislature: this sum intended as an annual grant in lieu of the yearly dues formerly levied upon the fishermen and shoremen of this district,

has removed much cause of dissatisfaction on the part of this industrious class of men, many of whom contribute annually to the Hospital from their earnings at the Seal fishery.

They have much satisfaction in stating to the House that the receipts for the past year have enabled them to meet all the current liabilities of the Hospital, and to leave a balance in favor of the Institution of £40 18s. 11d.

They would respectfully call the attention of your honorable House to the present dilapidated state of the Hospital buildings, which will soon be such as to render them quite unfit to receive patients; and as the present limited income of the institution is wholly inadequate to meet the expenses requisite to place the building in a sound and efficient condition, your Memorialists respectfully pray your honourable House to make such a grant of money as will enable them to put the building in a fit condition to receive patients. The cost of the repairs and improvements is estimated at £468 currency:

Petition from Logy Bay.

From Patrick Ryan, of Logy Bay, setting forth,—The heavy loss sustained by him from the falling of a cliff which destroyed his fishing stage, together with five hundred quintals of fish last year; and praying that a grant might be made him as compensation therefor:

Petition from President of Water Company.

From the President of the Saint John's Water Company,—Praying that the annual grant of £100 may be continued, together with a similar amount omitted to be granted to them last year:

Petition from James Silvey.

From James Silvey, of St. John's,—Praying for the continuance of the yearly grant of £10 hitherto made him.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from John Stuart, St. John's.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Stuart, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—His application for reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in improving the public Cove known as Rennie, Stuart & Co's. Cove last year; and praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to inquire into the facts connected therewith.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Select Committee on foregoing petition.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to examine into the facts set forth in the foregoing petition of John Stuart, and to report thereon.

Petition from Honora Roach, St. John's.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Honora Roach, widow of the late Philip Roach, Light-house Keeper at Fort Amherst, which was received and read, setting forth,—Her very destitute state; and praying that in consideration of her late husband's services, when serving on board

Her Majesty's ships of war, but latterly in this colony, a small yearly grant may be voted her.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor in reference to the foregoing petition.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from F. N. Gisborne, Superintending Engineer of the Newfoundland Telegraph Company, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the above Company are now actively availing themselves of the privileges in the Charter granted them by Your Honorable House during the session of 1851, '52: that one section of the Company's undertaking, namely, between Charlottetown, P. E. I., and Sackville, N. B., is already in working order: that contracts have been entered into with responsible parties in England, for the immediate connection of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island by a sub-marine cable: that the subterranean wire destined for the wilderness between Cape Ray and St. John's will shortly be here, and that active operations will be commenced on that route on or about the 15th May, ensuing.

Petition from F. N. Gisborne.

Your Petitioner now begs to represent to your Honorable House, that in consequence of the Newfoundland Company having determined to extend their lines westward from Cape Ray to New York, with a branch, *via* Miramichi, N.B. to Canada, in all a distance of 1,400 miles, (500 miles of which are under contract and in part completion,) together with the increased expenditure attending the partial adoption of under-ground wires, and the large additional amount of cable required to connect this Province directly with Prince Edward Island, it is necessary that the Company should have a very considerable extension of capital.

Therefore, we now petition your Honorable House for a short Act, whereby the stock of the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company may be increased from £100,000 to £300,000 Stg.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company.

Notice of Electric Telegraph Bill.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the regulation of Inland Posts.

Notice of Inland Post Bill.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the Report of the Directors of the St. John's Hospital, together with the Accounts for the year ending 31st Dec., 1852.

Documents from Governor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read as follows:

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased, after the expiration of the present year, to cancel the License of occupation given to Stephen March, Esq. to occupy the Funk Island, for the purpose of carrying on the Seal Fishery; as the said License of occupation is calculated seriously to injure the interests of a vast number of the fishermen of this colony, who (having used that Island every season from time immemorial,) will, by this License, be denied the enjoyment of their accustomed privileges.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Emerson.

Order for Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a return of the number of Tanks and Pumps made in the town of St. John's, under the superintendence of the Surveyor General, and the cost of each; and where situated; and the amount of the balance, if any, of the vote of last Session for the making of Pumps, &c., remaining in the hands of that officer.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Little.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Addresses to Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a copy of such instructions, if any, as relate to the giving of relief to the Permanent or Casual Poor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor ;—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to instruct the Central Board of Road Commissioners to send James Byrne, Road Surveyor, to survey the Bridge built by John Rielley over Cataract River, and certain work done on the Colinet line of road by Peter Walsh, Robert Fitzpatrick, Stephen Miller, Patrick Cooke, John Collins, James Barron, Michael Hartigan, John Lamb, John Blanch, James Kelly, William Collins, Thomas Blanch, Richard Wyse, Thomas ———, John Doyle, and James Doyle ; and that upon the said Surveyor reporting to the Government the several amounts which these parties are respectfully entitled to receive for such work, Your Excellency will be pleased to cause the same to be paid to them out of the Colonial Treasury, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. HOGSETT, and Mr. SHEA,

Engrossed, and Committee to present,

Ordered,—That the House do on Monday next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Order for Committee on Ship-building Bill.

Motion for Select Committee on Pickled Fish Act.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Pickled Fish Act, and to report thereon.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Warren, Shea, Hoyles, Little, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to inform Your Excellency that a Resolution was adopted on the 18th March instant, in the Committee of Supply of this House, declaring "that as the inhabitants of St. George's Bay contribute no duties to the Revenue of this colony, it is expedient that the office of Stipendiary Magistrate for that Bay be abolished from the date thereof, and that sufficient compensation be made by the Government to James Tobin, Esquire, the incumbent of that office," by reason of the passing of that resolution. The House of Assembly most respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will notify that gentleman of the purport of the said resolution.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Little, and Mr. Parsons.

Order for Committee of whole on State of the Colony.

Ordered,—That on Saturday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the immediate repair of the Main line of Road be-

tween Harbor Grace and Carbonear; and this House will provide for the expenses thereof in the Road grant for the present year.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Hayward.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a return, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Market-house Act, of all penalties recovered, and of all rents and rates received from the said Market-house, and of the Public Wharf opposite to the said Market-house, from the period of the establishment thereof to the present date.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little, and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Petition of George Webber, and to report thereon.

Motion for Select Committee on Petition of George Webber.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Parsons, Hogsett, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House copies of the returns received from the Sub-collector of Customs at Burin for the last year; also copies of all communications between the Collector of Her

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Majesty's Revenue for this Island, the Executive, and that officer, with reference to the state of his account with the colony at the close of the last year; the amount of cash remitted by him, or that ought to have been remitted by him, according to the state of his account; and all other communications from the Executive to that officer, touching any defalcation or alleged defalcation on his part.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Hogsett, and Mr. Parsons.

Marine Insurance and Penitentiary Bills read 1st time.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented the following Bills, which were severally read a first time:—

A Bill to Incorporate a Marine Insurance Company:

A Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the erection of a Penitentiary.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to inform this House whether any reply has been received to the Address of the House to the Secretary of State for the Colonies last session, requesting that a survey of the north-eastern and north-western coasts of Newfoundland may be taken.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Motion for Select Committee on position of 2nd class Tide-waiters.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the position of the second class Tide-waiters, and to report thereon.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Parsons, Little, Shea, Hogsett, and Hoyles, do form such Committee.

Notice for Kerosene Gas Company Bill,

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate a Kerosene Gas-light Company in St. John's.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, 1853.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Patrick Delahunty and others, of Ferryland, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road from the Chapel to Fresh-water Bridge.

Road Petition from Ferryland.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. WARREN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Thomas Doyle and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the exposed state of the harbour of Bonavista lying quite open to the North-west and Westerly gales of wind, which, together with the rebound from the Northerly gales, bringing in a heavy sea, frequently destroying their boats and stages, thereby occasioning a great drawback upon the industry of the inhabitants thereof who are becoming very numerous, and very frequently subjecting them to heavy losses both of time and property, compelling them to take in their stages at the approach of the fall, if left so long standing, and to erect them again in the spring: that taking into consideration the depth of water, not more than three and three and a-half fathoms, between Cannile Point and Green Head, which lies North therefrom, your petitioners humbly presume that a Pier or Breakwater of three hundred yards in length may be raised there for a comparatively small sum of money, sufficiently capacious to afford shelter and security to their boats and stages, and of affording sufficient depth of water for merchant vessels and sealers, which, from the exposed state of the anchorage, are now deterred from resorting to it, and after September comes in, of abandoning it altogether: that as there is not any harbor of safety on the south side of this extensive Bay between Barrow Harbor and the Cape, a harbor of refuge, such as Bonavista would afford, if possessed of a breakwater, would be of immense advantage to vessels bound either north or south when compelled to seek shelter from an approaching gale of wind: that being impressed with a sense of the benefits conferred by your administration upon the inhabitants of the colony over which Your Excellency has so lately presided, your Petitioners look forward with hope to those which may naturally be the result of Your Excellency's having been appointed by Our Most Gracious Sovereign to preside over this colony, where there is so large a field for the exercise of Your Excellency's judicial functions; therefore your Petitioners presume to beseech Your Excellency to take the state of their case into Your most gracious consideration, and recommend to the Honourable the Legislative Assembly to grant them some protection against the ravages of the gales of wind upon their fishing interest, in the shape of a sum of money wherewith to commence such an undertaking, which, under the direction of a competent engineer, your Petitioners from the great abundance of materials at hand for it, feel confident may be accomplished at a comparative easy expense, but the extent of which they do not feel competent to estimate.

Petition from Bonavista for Breakwater.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Deputation to wait on Governor.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that a deputation consisting of five members to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, to request His Excellency's assent to the petition praying for a grant for the erection of a Breakwater at Carbonear.

Petition from Johnstone Vicars.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from Johnstone Vicars, Superintendent of the Newfoundland School Society, which was received and read, setting forth,—The usefulness of the Society in diffusing Education throughout the Island, and the large expenditure yearly made for this purpose ; and praying that the yearly grant may be continued in support thereof.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Report of Superintendent of Newfoundland School Society.

Mr. WARREN presented to the House the report of the Superintendent of the Newfoundland School Society with account current for the year ending 31st December, 1852.

On Table.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Petitions from Sons of Temperance of Harbor Grace and Carbonear.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Thomas Higgins and others, Sons of Temperance, Harbour Grace : also, a Petition from John E. Fike and others, Sons of Temperance, of Carbonear, which were severally received and read, setting forth,—The evils resulting from the use of intoxicating liquors ; and praying that the House would be pleased to pass an Act similar in its provisions to that known as the Maine Liquor Law.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the propriety of fixing the value of the Sovereign as a legal tender, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as follows :—

Report of Select Committee on value of Sovereign.

The Committee appointed by your Honourable House to take into consideration the Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, praying that a current legal value may be placed on the Sovereign, beg to report that they have given much anxious attention to the subject, and have taken the evidence thereon of several gentlemen connected with the Trade which is appended hereto.

This testimony, with one exception, is favourable to the proposal contained in the Memorial.

The points to which the inquiries of the Committee were directed were these :

- 1st. The present state of our circulating medium.
- 2nd. The prospect of the continuance of a sound and sufficient metallic currency without any legislative interference.
- 3rd. The consequence of a contracted circulation on the Trade and general interests.
- 4th. The efficacy of the proposed measure to avert the contingency referred to under the last head.
- 5th. The weight of the objection to this proceeding on the score of depreciation in the value of gold.

These points have all undergone careful and serious investigation.— The great importance of the subject demanded this, and the absence of all class or party interests left the question clear for impartial consideration on its own intrinsic merits. The Committee in the first place felt that much weight deservedly attached to the fact that the present state of our Currency was sound, and that speculative tampering on light grounds was therefore to be deprecated. A better or more convenient medium of circulation than our silver dollar is nowhere to be found; and if in full supply for the purposes of the Trade, it could not be improved by any change. With these views the Committee proceeded in their inquiry to a consideration of the question whether that full supply will be kept up, and on this point the evidence is all but concurrent that no such expectation is presumable; or in other words, that a sufficient supply of dollars cannot be maintained for purposes of discount at 6 per cent. Dollars cannot now be imported but at a premium of 4 per cent., and this fact moreover must tend to withdraw them from the country, producing a drain which will operate to a considerable extent in the case of emigrants and small traders, and which no adjustment of exchanges can wholly prevent.

The causes are not of a transient character which have produced this state of things, and the facts presented in England and the United States regarding the precious metals, clearly indicate an increasing value for silver and a corresponding difficulty in obtaining it. In the great aggregate increase of these metals during the past three years, that of silver has borne an insignificant part. The whole supply of gold and silver has not been too great for the new fields of demand opened in the gold producing regions, and in this widely-extended area of circulation, silver is necessarily more diffused, and relatively more scarce than before. By the returns of the United States mint it appears that there was coined there in 1852, 56,846,187 dols. of gold, while of silver the quantity was but 999,410 dols. The Bank of England returns for many months past show an average of 930 of gold to one of silver, and in a very recent number of the *London Times* it is stated that "it is with much difficulty the bank-

ers in the city and West end can obtain silver currency to any amount either at the Bank of England or the Royal mint, to accommodate their correspondents in different parts of the United Kingdom with silver coinage." These facts show why dollars are at a premium, and enable us readily to arrive at the conclusion that a legal adherence to silver as the sole element of our circulating medium must result at no distant day in leaving the community without that full supply of good metallic currency so necessary to the healthy and vigorous operations of the several parts of our Trade and Commerce.

The consequences of a contraction of the currency are too obvious to most minds to render it necessary that the Committee should dwell upon them at length. They would doubtless manifest themselves in a reduction of prices of the produce of the country, and instead of seeing, as we now generally do, that produce commanding a fair cash value, the Trade would be concentrated chiefly in few hands, and its operations principally confined to a system of barter. This would place the great bulk of our industrious population at a serious disadvantage by depriving them to a great extent of the benefit of the competition of the cash sale shops whose existence is dependant on the maintenance of that state of things which renders our staple produce capable of conversion into cash. These are the leading effects, which, with the depreciating influences of a short supply of circulating medium on the value of fixed property of all kinds, as well as on our public securities, suggest a prospect of evil which it is the duty of the Legislature to provide against.

The measure that has been proposed of introducing the sovereign into our circulation appears to the Committee to be the obvious and only practicable course for adoption. It will be seen that no abrupt or violent change is embraced in the suggestion, for sovereigns have been for years current at the rate now proposed to be assigned of 24s. currency. They have thus naturally determined a value for themselves, and thereby furnished a test of value which we can scarcely be wrong in affixing to them by law. Gold is almost the sole circulating medium of many of those countries with which our commercial relations chiefly subsist, and in prospect of a want of metallic currency, does it not seem the course pointed out by reason and common sense that we should facilitate the admission of gold to meet the exigency, and thus render ourselves independent of the silver currency on which it is clearly becoming precarious longer wholly to rely?

The Committee have now to consider the objections that have been urged to this proceeding. It is said that as gold is becoming depreciated, it is unwise to give gold coin the same value it has heretofore possessed, and that the consequence of this proceeding would be to introduce a depreciated currency.

The committee do not desire to conceal their conviction which the facts set forth clearly prove that, as compared with silver, gold has become depreciated. It does not however therefore follow that the value of gold in exchange has been lessened. But assuming this really to be the case, it then becomes a question whether the injury to this colony from the introduction of a currency so depreciated is equal to what it must suffer from a want of Metallic circulating medium. The serious consequences of the latter have been already explained, and it remains to be estimated what the amount of injury would be to flow from the other consideration. Assuming the difference to be 4 per cent. (the nearest approximation at which the Committee can arrive) there would be a loss to this extent on the amount of all fixed engagements and contracts—while these being in the hands of men of property, it should be borne in mind, that the measure which produces this result, will also tend to sustain the value of property which cannot be upheld if the currency be contracted.—The loss would thus be modified if not compensated altogether; but in any case it is light in comparison with what the whole country must suffer if a good metallic circulating medium be not easy and abundant.

But the case does not present itself to the view of the Committee as involving a positive depreciation of the value of the sovereign. Its value in England is the same that it had before the new gold discoveries, or in other words its ability to purchase all articles of value continues unimpaired. It will discharge the same amount of debt in England that it has ever done; and while these conditions are preserved its actual value cannot be said to be depreciated. In this colony the par of exchange of 20 per cent. has long obtained as indicating the actual difference between our current money and British sterling, and a current value of 24s. for the sovereign is in strict consonance with this usage.

The change in the relative value of gold and silver appears to the Committee to proceed from an actual increase in the value of the latter. That this change will lead to a reduction in the weight of silver dollars is a just hypothesis; since already in the United States a reduction has recently taken place in the weight of all silver coins below the dollar—a change which it appears probable will soon be extended to the dollar itself.

But it is alleged that though gold has experienced no perceptible diminution of value to this time, depreciation must be the consequence of the continued productions of the Australia and California mines. Admitting this to be the case, what follows from the argument? The process of depreciation cannot be sudden or convulsive, and therefore cannot produce any precipitate results. The public mind of England and America knows no sensations of alarm, for there we find the wide-spread conviction that for many years to come the developements of industry and progress in the various parts of the world will keep pace with, and absorb

all the products of the gold regions. But if the time should come when gold shall be so abundant that it fails to obtain full employment, then no doubt its standard value will be lessened, and the coin be correspondingly increased in weight. In the arrangement proposed we shall have this protection, and it will scarcely be alleged that while our measures are contingent on what the British Government may hereafter adopt, we are doing aught that wisdom or prudence would fail to sanction.

The Committee therefore trust they have furnished reasons to induce the House to affirm the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce, which they accordingly recommend should be passed into law, a current relative value being also given to the minor English coins.

Respectfully submitted.

A. SHEA, *Chairman.*

P. F. LITTLE

GEO. H. EMERSON

JOHN BEMISTER

EDMUND HANRAHAN.

COINAGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

1837.		1853.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar	206 $\frac{1}{4}$ grains	192 grains.
$\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar	103 $\frac{1}{8}$ grains	96 grains.

BRITISH SILVER.

In £5 of British silver money there is but ninety shillings of actual value.

For Evidence accompanying, *see Appendix.*

On Table.

Petition from John Keating, Fortune.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. BENNING presented a Petition from John Keating and others, of Fortune, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a Bridge in that settlement to communicate with the Point of Beach.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. TALBOT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to sanction the employment of the able-bodied poor in Conception Bay on roads, in anticipation of the Road grant for that district.

Committee of whole on Circuit Courts Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the practice of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Saturday the 9th of April.

The order of the day being for the second reading of the Greenland Seal-fishery encouragement Bill,

On motion of Mr. MARCH, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the Bill be now read a second time, and be referred to a Select Committee to report upon.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, March, Shea, Bemister, and Warren, do form such Committee.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation of the Currency.

Then the House adjourned till to to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

FRIDAY, 1st APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting a sum of money for the making and constructing of Roads and Bridges, as engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled, "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repairing of Roads and Bridges."

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea and Bemister do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Progress reported.

House adjourns till Sat. 9th April.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Greenland Seal fishery Bill read 2nd time.

Notice of Bill to regulate Currency.

Committee of whole on Currency Bill.

Road Bill read 3rd time.

Passed and titled.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again this day.

House adjourn till half-past Two.

At One o'clock the House adjourned till half-past Two.

Committee of whole on Supply.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment, and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Committee of whole on Insolvency Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the payment of the wages of Servants, in cases of the insolvencies of their hirers or employers.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair,

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Documents from the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House copies of His Excellency the Governor's Commission, with the Royal Instructions accompanying the same, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. MARCH, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That on to-morrow this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the protection of the Seal Fishery.

Motion for Committee of whole on Seal Fishery Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor.

Committee of whole on Poor Relief Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and stand second on the order of the day.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

Bills read 2nd time.

The Bill to Incorporate a Marine Insurance Company:

The Bill to provide for the erection of a Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the said Bills be severally committed to the whole House on to-morrow.

Time of Committal.

Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the establishment of Inland Posts, and the same was read a first time.

Inland Posts Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the 3rd Section of the Electric Telegraph Act, 15th Vic., Cap. 6, and the same was read a first time.

Electric Telegraph Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Jonas Barter and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the Pump near Apple-tree Well.

Petition from St. John's.

Petition from F. K. Hepburn and others.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from F. K. Hepburn and others, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the Newtown road :

Petition from John Shanahan and others.

He also presented a Petition from John Shanahan and others, distressed labourers on the streets of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that more constant employment may be afforded them on the public works.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Insolvency Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the payment of wages of Servants, in cases of the Insolvencies of their hirers or employers, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Passed and titled.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to declare the law as to the prior claims of Fishermen, Seamen, and other Servants, in case of the Insolvency of their hirers or employers.”

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Ordered,—That Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsor do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee of whole on state of the Colony.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Eleven of the clock.

MONDAY, 4th APRIL, 1853.

Adjourned for want of a quorum.

At half-past Eleven o'clock the names of members present being taken down as follows:—Messrs. March, Hayward, and Bemister, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, 5th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

Resolved,—That a Deputation be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor with an Address requesting his Excellency's assent to the Petition praying for a grant to construct a Breakwater at Carbonear.

Motion for Deputation to wait on Governor with Address.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hanrahan, Hayward, Bemister, Talbot, and Little, do form the deputation.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having appointed a deputation of five members, namely, Messrs. Hanrahan, Hayward, Talbot, Bemister, and Little, to wait upon your Excellency for the purpose of requesting Your Excellency's assent to a Petition, presented last session, praying for a grant of a sum of money to erect a Breakwater at Carbonear, respectfully request that your Excellency will inform this House at what time Your Excellency will be pleased to receive such deputation.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Talbot.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. TALBOT, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Address to Governor.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the employment of the able-bodied Poor of Conception Bay, on the public roads in that locality; this House having made provision therefor in the Road grant of this session.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Talbot and Mr. Hanrahan.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that his Excellency will sanction the expenditure of £50 to employ the labouring Poor in the district of Ferryland on the public roads.

Notice that drafts of Addresses be filed by the Clerk.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that it be an order of the House that the drafts of all Addresses to the Governor be filed with the Clerk at the time of notice being given of their being to be presented.

Then the House adjourned till to to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL, 1853.

Documents from the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Detailed Returns of expenditure for relief of the Poor from 1st July, to 31st Dec., 1852:

Return of distribution of 40 barrels Flour in the district of Brigus, for relief of the Poor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Documents from the Governor.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House detailed returns of expenditure for relief of the poor, from 1st of January to 1st July, 1852.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from John Cummins and others, of Cape Broyle, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a Branch road from Shore Cove to the Main line.

Road Petition from Cape Broyle.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the expenditure of £50, to employ the able-bodied Poor in the district of Ferryland on the public roads, this House having made provision therefor in the road grant of this Session.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the state of the Colony.

Committee of whole on state of the Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

THURSDAY, 7th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from Jeremiah O'Neil and others, of Trepassey, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road from the harbor to Cox's Well.

Road Petition from Trepassey.

On Table.

Committee of whole on
state of the Colony.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the state of the Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read and are as follow :—

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That the House hereby affirms the Resolutions adopted by the late House of Assembly in the Session of 1852, on the all-important subject of Responsible Government.

Resolved—That the policy continued to be pursued by Her Majesty's Council in this colony has given additional force and significance to the prevailing conviction, that constituted as that body is of ten gentlemen wholly irresponsible to the people—and increased as it has been since last session by the accession of two gentlemen avowedly opposed to popular reform or political progress—whose chief claim to seats at the Council Board rested on their support of the present effete system of misrule; it is utterly hopeless to expect its co-operation in carrying out measures of the most imperative public necessity and admitted practical utility, for, against the unanimous will of the late House of Assembly the Council materially altered the appropriations, and thereby caused the defeat of a Bill adopted by the Assembly last Session, granting £9,000 for the construction and repair of Roads in this Island—thus violating the privileges of the representative branch—retarding public improvements, and partially debarring the operative population from remunerative employment, so much required during last season, owing to the partial failure of our fisheries and the blight of the potatoe crop.

That the Executive were obliged to appropriate and expend, at the solicitation of individual members of the Assembly, considerable sums of the public monies during last year in the Road service that were not voted by the Assembly, thus violating Her Majesty's Royal Instructions to the Governor, and the law of the land,—a step which was, however, rendered necessary by the wrongful act of the Council in rejecting the Road Bill. That they also rejected a Census Bill passed by the Assembly in its two last successive sessions in accordance with a recommendation from the Imperial Government. That they also so mutilated a Bill

appropriating £7,500 for the encouragement of the education of the youth of the country, as to create general dissatisfaction among not only all the Dissenters, but also a large portion of the Episcopalians of the colony. That from time immemorial, the fishermen of Newfoundland, its mainstay, and the great source of its commercial wealth, have been entitled by imperial statute to receive their wages out of the produce of their earnings in preference to all other creditors. That the Chamber of Commerce of St. John's secretly adopted a memorial to Earl Grey, Her Majesty's late Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying for the repeal of the 15th George 3rd, being the only statute which still preserved this valuable right to our hardy fishermen. That this memorial was transmitted to the Colonial office by the Local Executive without the knowledge of the Legislature, without any protest from the Executive, and without giving the Representative Branch, or those most nearly affected by this measure, an opportunity of transmitting a counter memorial. The consequence was, that the fishermen's charter was repealed by the Imperial Parliament before the fact was discovered by the people of this colony. Their only resource was then to appeal to the local Legislature. The late House of Assembly accordingly passed a Bill defining the rights of this fine class of men, and re-enacting this ancient right, but the Council refused to sanction it, and it was therefore lost. The Assembly then adopted a measure to declare the prior right of fishermen to be paid the amount of their wages out of the produce of their labour, in case of the insolvency of their hirers or employers; which principle was also rejected by the Council, in the last and the previous session, thus opposing the interests and desires of the mass of the people in every form. That they also rejected Bills sent up by the Assembly last Session, to provide for the relief of the poor of the colony, and to make certain necessary prospective reductions in our civil list. That the chief objection urged by the Executive to the concession of Responsible Government has been the limited number of the Representatives of the people in the House of Assembly; to obviate which, Bills have been passed twice in the Assembly, one of which was adopted during last Session, which was so altered and amended in the Council as to throw the Representation into the hands of a few merchants and officials by sub-dividing certain electoral districts into small sections, and creating a system of rotten boroughs to suit their views: thus mutilated it was necessarily rejected by the Assembly: and a Bill on this subject is now before the Assembly, containing certain reasonable concessions, and calculated to secure a fair representation of the various interests and denominations of our population, and it remains to be seen whether the Council will still persist in resisting a measure, the necessity of which they admit. But we fear they will not consent to any Bill for the increase of our representatives, so long as they are permitted to urge that increase as a condition precedent to the attainment of Responsible Government, except such a one as would nullify the honest and invigorating influence of the great principles of

British Constitutional Government, if it should be conceded to this colony.

Resolved,—That the result of the General Election for this Island, which took place last year, fully attests the continued and anxious desire of the people for Responsible Government.

Resolved,—That Addresses be adopted by this House to Her Majesty, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, including the foregoing and accompanying Resolutions, and praying for the immediate concession of the salutary principles of Responsible Government to this old and loyal colony.

Resolved,—That a standing corresponding Committee of this House be appointed, consisting of the Speaker, Messrs. Winser, Parsons, Little, Shea, Hanrahan, Emerson, Talbot, and Hogsett.

Resolved,—That an Address be adopted by this House to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit the Address to Her Majesty, and to use his influence with Her Majesty's Government to secure Responsible Government for this colony.

Resolved,—That Joseph Hume, Esq. M. P., and Arthur Roebuck, Esq. M. P., be respectfully requested to present the Address to the House of Commons, and that a member of the House of Lords be solicited by the Delegates to present the Address to the House of Lords.

Resolved,—That a Delegation be nominated by this House to proceed to London in the course of the coming summer, for the purpose of representing the grievances and wants of the people of this colony—of presenting the Address of this House to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies—of engaging the services of a Parliamentary agent for this Island—and of enforcing on Her Majesty's Ministers the claims of Newfoundland to Responsible Government and Reciprocal Free Trade with the United States of America.

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this House be communicated in an Address from this House to the Right Honorable Sir William Molesworth, M.P. for his kindness in presenting the petition of the late House of Assembly of this Island to the House of Commons on the subject of Self-government, and soliciting a continuance of his patriotic exertions in Colonial reform on behalf of this ill-governed colony.

Resolved,—That this House be also authorised to appoint Delegates to proceed to Washington, for the purpose of advancing the interests of Newfoundland on the question of Reciprocal Free-trade between this colony and the United States.

On motion that the Report be adopted, the House divided, when there appeared:

For the Motion, 9.

Against the Motion, 4.

Mr. Little

“ Parsons

“ Hogsett

“ Winser

“ Shea

“ Emerson

“ Talbot

“ Benning

“ Hanrahan.

Mr. Hoyles

“ Warren

“ March

“ Bemister.

Division.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. PARSONS, in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, presented the draft of an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table where it was again read, as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Commons of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg to approach Your Most Gracious Majesty with feelings of profound loyalty to the British Crown and unabated affection to Your Majesty, and to express our thanks for the gracious manner in which Your Majesty has been pleased to receive the Addresses of this House, unanimously adopted during its last and previous Sessions, praying for the establishment of Responsible Government in this colony; whilst we also deem it our duty to inform Your Majesty of our deep regret and the public disappointment created by Your Majesty's declining for the present to comply with its prayer.

Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

Those Addresses were passed in strict accordance with the well-known, frequently expressed, and “deliberate wishes of the inhabitants” of this island. In the year 1846, by Resolution of the Amalgamated Legislature, two-fifths of the members of which were nominees of the Crown, the principle of Executive Responsibility was affirmed as applicable to our condition. Since that period this important question has agitated the public mind, and proved a prominent test of the eligibility of Candidates to seats in the Assembly, and the results of the last General Election for this island, which took place last year, fully attest the continued and anxious desire of the people for the introduction of this reform. It has been discussed in the local periodicals—at the hustings—in public meetings, and in the Legislative Halls of the country. Therefore, influenced by the prevailing opinions of the people, and in compliance with petitions

numerously signed, as well as from our own conviction of the undeniable and unanimously recognized necessity for an improvement in our present system of Government, do we resolve to reiterate our appeal to Your Majesty for that full measure of constitutional justice, which is our birth-right as British subjects, and to which this colony is as well entitled, in our humble opinion, as any other dependency of the British Crown. That Newfoundland is the only colony in British North America from which self-government has been withheld; that she has a population of at least 120,000 inhabitants—that her annual Imports exceed £800,000, and her Exports £1,000,000 sterling;—that her area is greater than that of Ireland, with a seaboard exceeding 1,000 miles, indented with extensive and commodious bays and safe harbors, from which her inexhaustible Fisheries may be carried on to an indefinite extent, and affording valuable encouragement to a population far greater than the present number;—that her Revenue is about £70,000 sterling:—that her Civil List, amounting to about £30,000 a-year, is paid exclusively from Colonial funds, and that, as an evidence of the soundness of the credit of the colony, the sum of £80,000 is invested in the Savings' Bank at interest at the rate of 3 per cent. That while possessed of these resources, capabilities, and advantages, their developement has been comparatively neglected by reason of the want of the stimulating influence of self-government—the direction of our affairs being in the hands of Imperial authorities, often ignorant of our condition and wants, and of local functionaries not unfrequently inimical to the interests of the country, and using their high and confidential positions for the purpose of perpetuating their own power, and upholding a system which has a direct tendency to shake the allegiance of the most loyal, and produce general discontent among the inhabitants—a system which is not capable of meeting the wants and progressive desires of the people of this country, and which does not possess public confidence because it has not given general satisfaction.

Under these circumstances, we most respectfully submit that the people of this colony were fully justified in the belief that their fair and reasonable demands for constitutional control over the administration of their internal affairs would not have been refused. Looking at the declaration of every Colonial Minister since 1838, as to the principles which should be applied to the Government of the colonies, and more especially the views of Earl Grey to the Governor of Prince Edward Island, under the date of the 27th December, 1849, in which His Lordship affirms that “it cannot be too distinctly acknowledged that it is neither possible nor desirable to carry on the government of any of the British Provinces in North America in opposition to the opinion of the inhabitants,” which declaration was confirmed by a subsequent Despatch from His Lordship, dated the 31st of January, 1851, in which Responsible Government was fully conceded to that colony, with its population of 65,000 inhabitants, while its imports amounted to £120,000, its exports considerably less,

and its Revenue about £30,000. Looking also at the objections urged, and subsequently abandoned by His Lordship, to the application of the principles of self-government to that colony, but more particularly when he stated in a Despatch, under date of the 1st of January, 1849, that "Prince Edward Island is comparatively small in extent and population, and its commercial and wealthy classes confined almost to a single town;" we sincerely confide in the equal justice and good faith of the British Government, whilst we respectfully assure your Majesty that the speedy concession of our rights will conciliate and secure the affections of the people of this colony, obviate the unpleasant consequences of political discontent produced by injustice, and divert the wide-spreading current of continuous public agitation into the legitimate channels of productive industry, commercial enterprise, and social improvement.

That the policy continued to be pursued by Her Majesty's Council in the colony has given additional force and significance to the prevailing conviction that, constituted as that Body is of ten individuals wholly irresponsible to the people—and increased as it has been since last session by the accession of two persons opposed to popular reform or political progress, whose chief claims to seats at the Council Board, rested in their support of the present effete system of misrule;—it is utterly hopeless to expect its co-operation in carrying out measures of the most imperative public necessity and admitted practical utility;—for instance, against the unanimous will of the late House of Assembly, the Council materially altered the appropriations in a Bill adopted by the Assembly last Session, granting £9,000 for the construction and repair of Roads in this Island, and thereby caused the loss of that useful measure—thus violating the privileges of the Representative Branch—retarding public improvement, and partially debarring the operative population from remunerative employment, so much required during last season owing to the partial failure of the fisheries and the blight of the potato crop. That the Executive were obliged, at the solicitation of individual members of the Assembly, to appropriate and expend considerable sums of the public money during last year in the Road service which were not voted by the Assembly, thus violating Her Majesty's Instructions to the Governor, and the law of the land—a step which was however rendered necessary by the wrongful act of the Council in rejecting the Road Bill. That they also rejected Census Bills successively passed by the Assembly in its two last sessions, in accordance with a recommendation from the Imperial Government. That they also so mutilated a Bill appropriating Seven Thousand Five Hundred pounds for the encouragement of the education of the youth of the colony, as to create general dissatisfaction among, not only all the Dissenters, but also a large portion of the Episcopalians of the colony. That from time immemorial, the fishermen of Newfoundland, its mainstay, and the great source of its commercial wealth, have been entitled by imperial statute to receive their wages out of the produce of their earnings in preference to all other creditors. That the Chamber of

Commerce of St. John's secretly adopted a memorial to Earl Grey, Her Majesty's late Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying for the repeal of the 15th George 3rd, being the only statute which still preserved this valuable right to our hardy fishermen. That this memorial was transmitted to the Colonial office by the Local Executive without the knowledge of the Legislature, without any protest from the Executive, and without giving the Representative Branch, or those most nearly affected by this measure, an opportunity of transmitting a counter memorial. The consequence was, that the fishermen's Charter was repealed by the Imperial Parliament before the fact was discovered by the people of this colony. Their only resource was then to appeal to the local Legislature. The late House of Assembly accordingly passed a Bill defining the rights of this class of the population, and re-enacting this ancient right; but it was so altered by the Council as to make it a totally different measure and cause its rejection. The Assembly then adopted a measure to declare the prior right of fishermen to be paid the amount of their wages out of the produce of their labour, in case of the insolvency of their hirers or employers; which was also rejected by the Council, in the last and the previous session, thus opposing the interests and desires of the mass of the people in every form. The Council likewise rejected a Bill sent up by the Assembly last Session, to provide for the relief of the poor of the colony; and also two Bills for the prospective reduction of the Civil List passed by the Assembly from a sense of the enormity of our present Civil Expenditure, with a due regard to the circumstances of the colony, and without affecting, in any respect, the interests of the present official incumbents, according to a recommendation contained in a Despatch from Earl Grey upon this important subject.

The chief objection urged by the Executive to the concession of Responsible Government has been the limited number of the Representatives of the people in the House of Assembly; to obviate which, Bills have been passed twice in the Assembly, one of which was adopted last Session, which was so altered and amended in the Council as to throw the Representation into the hands of a few merchants and officials by sub-dividing certain electoral districts into small sections, and creating a system of rotten boroughs to suit their views: thus mutilated it was necessarily rejected by the Assembly. Another Bill on this subject is now before the Assembly, containing certain reasonable concessions, calculated to secure a fair representation of the various interests and denominations of our population; and it remains to be seen whether the Council will still persist in resisting a measure, the necessity of which they admit. But we fear they will not assent to any Bill for the increase of Representatives, so long as they are permitted to urge that such increase is a necessary condition precedent to the attainment of Responsible Government, except such a one as would nullify the honest and invigorating influence of the great principles of British Constitutional Government, if it should be conceded to this colony.

These are only some of the many instances of opposition evinced by the Council to the measures of the Assembly.

We therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into your Royal consideration, and immediately concede to this old and loyal dependency of the British Crown the blessings of a constitutional form of Responsible Government, analagous to that in successful operation in Your Majesty's other North American Colonies; and for which as in duty bound, we shall ever pray.

Mr. PARSONS moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That the Address be adopted.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division to the foregoing.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That Addresses similar to the foregoing (*mutatis mutandis*) be transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir Wm. Molesworth :—

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR WM. MOLESWORTH, &c.

SIR,—

The House of Assembly, in legislative Session convened, beg to tender their sincere thanks to you for your kindness in presenting the petition of the late House of Assembly of this Island to the House of Commons, praying for the concession of Self-government to this colony, and we respectfully solicit a continuance of your patriotic exertions in Colonial reform upon that important subject on behalf of this ill-governed colony.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully beg to inform Your Excellency that they have passed the accompanying Address to Her most Gracious

Adopted.

Engrossed.

Motion for Addresses to Secretary of State and both Houses of Parliament.

Address to Sir William Molesworth.

Engrossed.

Address to Governor.

Majesty, on the subject of Responsible Government; and they respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and that Your Excellency will be pleased to use your influence with Her Majesty's Government to secure Responsible Government for this colony.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Ways and Means.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole on Ways and Means stand first on the order of the day for Monday next.

Committee of whole on Poor Relief Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Poor Relief Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Jurors' Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to regulate the empanelling of Juries in this Island.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WARREN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleas-

ed to cause information to be laid before the House, connected with the dismissal of George Webber by the Central Board of Education from the Maggoty Cove School :

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the injury that is supposed would result from the permanent occupation of the Funks Island.

Motion for Select Committee.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause the quarter's salaries due 31st March last to be paid.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That this notice do take precedence of the orders of the day.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move the appointment of a Committee of the House to act in conjunction with a Committee of the Council, in superintending the Legislative Library.

Notice for Committee to superintend Library.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

FRIDAY, 8th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE, from the deputation to present the Address requesting His Excellency to inform the Stipendiary Magistrate of St. George's Bay of the Resolution passed in Committee of Supply in reference to the abolishing of that office, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Replies of Governor to Addresses.

Mr. HANRAHAN reported that His Excellency in reply to the Address praying that he would appropriate the sum of £100 in employing the Poor in repairing the roads in Conception Bay, had been pleased to say he would lay the Address before the Council.

Mr. HOGSETT reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address requesting that he would cause a survey of the work done on the Colinet Road by various parties, and remaining unpaid, had been pleased to say he would refer the Address to the Central Road Board :

He also stated that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying for Returns from the Sub-Collector of Burin, had given the following written answer:—

I will direct copies of the Sub-Collector of Burin's accounts to be laid before the Honorable House, but I do not deem it expedient to furnish

the Honorable House with the correspondence between that officer and the Executive Government on the subject of those accounts.

Mr. PARSONS, from the deputation requesting His Excellency to withdraw the license of occupation of the Funks Island given to Stephen March, Esq., reported that His Excellency had handed him the following reply :—

I will cause inquiry to be made as to how far the license of occupation of the Funk Island granted to Mr. March, interferes with public rights or public convenience, and in the meantime I shall be glad to be furnished with a copy of the evidence which has led the Honorable House to the conclusions expressed in this Address.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Documents from the Governor.

Detailed Statement of expenditure of monies entrusted to the Central Road Board by the Government, on Roads, and for relieving the Poor, in 1852:

Reports from the Commissioners and Physician of the Lunatic Asylum for last year :

Return of persons employed on the roads in the District of Bay Bulls in 1852.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. Emerson gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause a sum of money not exceeding Hundred pounds to be expended in laying out and improving the grounds round the Colonial Building, and erecting a suitable wall round the same; the work to be done under the direction of two members of Her Majesty's Council, and two members of the House of Assembly.

Petitions from Isle Valen, &c.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from John Adams and others, of Isle Valen, Presque, and Merasheen, which was received and read,—Praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the export of Bait to the French from the Western coasts of this Island :

Also, a Petition from James Walsh and others, of Presque, Isle of Valen, and Merasheen, which was received and read, setting forth,—The uncertainty of the present mode of Packet service in Placentia Bay; and praying that the House would adopt measures for having that service conducted by the means of a Steamer, by which they consider regularity can alone be attained.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from C. Cozens and others, Sons of Temperance of Brigus, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would enact some measure to prevent the consumption of intoxicating liquors in this Island.

Petition from Sons of Temperance, Brigus.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Edmund Botterel, general superintendent of Wesleyan Missions and Schools in Newfoundland, which was received and read,—Praying that in the Education Act of the present year the usual grant for Wesleyan Schools may not only be continued, but increased in proportion to the amount of the increased grant for Education.

Petition from Edmund Botterel.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HAYWARD, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Munn, Chairman of the Directors of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the Company is composed of numerous shareholders residing in this and the district of St. John's, whose chief object has been to afford safe, speedy and cheap communication between those populous districts, the want of which had been long felt and complained of, for the conveyance of passengers, goods, and the public mails. That from the experience of the past season we find that our Steamer is well adapted for the purpose required, and meets in all respects the wants of the public; but consider that a smaller and less expensive boat would be inadequate for the station during the boisterous seasons in this large open Bay. That the experience of the past season has also convinced the Directors that the ordinary receipts accruing from the conveyance of passengers, goods and mails, will not meet the necessary expenditure required for keeping this steamer plying on this station, without considerable loss to the Company, as a glance at the present state of the accounts but too clearly exhibits. That the Directors being therefore anxious to continue this accommodation to the public without increasing the rates of fare, most respectfully pray that your honourable House will be pleased, not only to continue the grant of Five Hundred pounds made by the late Honourable House of Assembly to assist in placing this steamer on these waters, but that your Honourable House, in consideration of the extent and importance of the service afforded to the public, will be graciously pleased to afford such augmentation of this grant as will warrant the Directors in asking the Shareholders to continue their property in an investment entered upon chiefly for the public accommodation, and thereby save those populous districts from being deprived of the cheap and expeditious mode of conveyance they have lately enjoyed.

Petition from Steam Packet Company, Conception Bay.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from John Winter, with reference to New York Exhibition.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Winter, Chairman of the Committee for promoting the representation of the products of this country at the approaching Exhibition at New York, which was received and read, praying for a grant to enable them to carry out the object in which they are engaged.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from W. Carter, Assayer of Weights and Measures.

Mr. HOGSETT, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from W. Carter, Assayer of Weights and Measures, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to defray the expense of his office-rent ; and also to replace certain Standard Weights and Measures which have been lost.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from John Shaw, Surveyor General's Office.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Shaw, chainman, attached to the Surveyor General's office, which was received and read,—Praying that his yearly salary may be increased.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from Harcourt Mooney.

Mr. HOYLES presented a petition, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, from Harcourt Mooney, which was received and read,—Praying for the yearly grant as Reporter to the Law Society.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

John Peyton, Stipendiary Magistrate.

Mr. EMERSON, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Peyton, Stipendiary Magistrate at Twillingate, which was received and read,—Praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following petitions which were severally received and read :—

Petition from Kyran Walsh, and others.

From Kyran Walsh and others—Praying for a grant to complete the wall in progress of erection round the old Roman Catholic burial ground :

Petition from Robert Prowse, Secretary to St. John's Factory.

From Robert Prowse, Secretary to the Saint John's Factory, praying for the annual grant in support of the Institution, together with a further sum of Eighty-five pounds to repair the building.

From Wm. Coyle and others, Directors of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company,—Praying for the yearly grant in support thereof.

Petition from Wm. Coyle and others, Phoenix Fire Company.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Bryan Robinson, President of the Agricultural Society,—Praying for a grant to encourage the objects of the institution.

Petition from Bryan Robinson, President Agricultural Societiy.

From James Minto, superintendent of the Water Company's Fire Brigade, setting forth,—That twenty persons have agreed and organized themselves into a Company entitled the Water Company's Fire Brigade, for the special purpose of working the Fire-plugs and Hydrants in Water and Duckworth Streets in cases of fire occurring in any of the said streets, or their vicinity, and that through the kindness of the several Insurance Offices and mercantile houses in town, they have been enabled to provide a suitable uniform to distinguish them on occasions of fire, which, with other expenses incurred in providing the necessary apparatus for the complete equipment of the Company, has exhausted the whole of the funds in their possession, amounting to nearly one hundred pounds currency ; in consequence of which they are left without the means requisite for the keeping of the hose and other apparatus in proper order, and defraying the ordinary expenses of the said Company, which amount to about Fifty pounds sterling, per annum : that he would humbly and most respectfully submit, for the consideration of your Honorable House, a plan for the more effectual protection of Tarrabans's town, by the erection of a Hydrant at the foot of Meeting-house lane, and another opposite the office of the *Morning Post*, facing the lane that leads from Duckworth-street to the Orphan Asylum ; thus, with a thousand feet of hose, which this company keep at all times on carriages, in readiness for an emergency, your Petitioner feels assured, but little danger is to be apprehended of any serious calamity by fire : that he therefore humbly prays your Honourable House will take into consideration the circumstances of the case, and grant a sum sufficient for the above and before-named purposes :

Petition from Jas. Minto, Superintendent Fire Brigade.

From the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute,—Praying for a grant to enable them to extend the Museum in connection therewith :

Petition from Committee of Mechanics' Institute.

From the Committee of the St. John's Library,—Praying for a grant to enable them to purchase books and thereby extend the usefulness of the Institution :

Petition from Committee of Library.

From Hounsell, Schenk & Hounsell, and others, of Saint John's,—Praying for a grant to erect ten additional Hydrants in Water-street.

Petition from Hounsell, Schenk & Hounsell and others.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from Joseph Woods.

Mr. PARSONS, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Joseph Woods, of Saint John's, which was received and read,—Praying for the usual grant to defray cost of compiling the Almanac for the present year :

Petition from W. T. Parsons.

Also, a Petition from W. T. Parsons,—Praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in repairing and attending on the Town Clock for the past year.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from Mary Pike and others, Carbonear.

Mr. BEMISTER, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Mary Pike and others, members of the Dorcas Society of Carbonear, which was received and read,—Praying for the usual grant in support of the Institution.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from Samuel Miffen and others.

Mr. WARREN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a petition from Samuel Miffen and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable them to build a Tank in that locality.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the inconvenience that will result to officers of the Civil Government by the expiration of the annual Appropriation Act, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that the salaries due the above officers for the quarter ending on the 31st March last be defrayed; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such payment.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Shea and Mr. Hanrahan.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause the immediate removal of all the public monies from the Bank of British North America, to a safe and convenient place of deposit, under the direct control of the Treasury and Savings' Bank, and this House will indemnify His Excellency for the outlay necessary to make provision for the safe keeping of the said monies.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the state of the account of the Sub-Collector of Burin.

Notice for appointment of Select Committee.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor in reference to a grant to the Committee for conducting the arrangements for the New York Industrial Exhibition.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Documents from Governor.

Returns of provisions granted in relief for Bonavista, from 1848 to 1852 inclusive:

Return of monies expended on Roads about Bonavista since 1848:

Return of expenses for Coroners' inquests since 1850:

Return of outlay in provisions for labor on roads between Carbonear and Bay de Verds in 1852:

Return of Duties received, and cash remitted, by the Sub-Collector of Burin.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Wm. Lang and others, Salvage.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from William Lang and others, of Salvage, which was received and read,—Praying that the means of Postal Communication may be extended to them.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Circuit Courts Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the practice of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time on Tuesday next.

Notice of motion for Resolutions on state of Colony.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Wednesday next he would move the following Resolutions:—

Resolved,—That owing to the present condition of this colony and the want of means for completing the main lines of Road in this island, it is deemed advisable and necessary that an Address be adopted by this House to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for a loan of £50,000 from the Imperial Government, for the purpose of completing the said Roads, to be paid with interest thereon, at a rate not exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, within twenty years, by equal yearly instalments, and to form a primary charge on the Revenue of this colony until the liquidation thereof.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by message to Her Majesty's Council and their concurrence solicited therein :

Also, that on Monday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor for permission to initiate a vote for a sum not exceeding £400 to defray the necessary expenses of Delegates from this House to the Imperial Government, to represent the state of this colony, and solicit the establishment of Responsible Government in this Island, and Reciprocal Free Trade between this colony and the United States of America.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Eleven of the clock.

MONDAY, 11th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read and are as follow :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Table of Duties upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into Newfoundland and its Dependencies, as presented in an Act of this colony, 13 Vic. cap. 1, be re-enacted for one year.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the several provisions contained in the said Act, providing for and connected with the collection of the said Duties imposed under the same, and the exemptions therein contained, be re-enacted for one year.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that Fish salted, dried, or pickled, be taken out of the Table of Exemptions in the Act 13 Vic. cap. 1.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a duty of 5s. per cwt. be levied upon Fish salted, dried, or pickled, imported into this colony and its dependencies.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Resolutions reported.

Resolutions agreed to.

And the said Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bill to establish legal value of British Coin.

Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to establish the legal value of all British Coin in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill to Incorporate Gas Light Company read 1st time.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to Incorporate a Company under the style of the Mutual Gas Light Company, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Resolution for Select Committee to superintend Library.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to act in conjunction with a Committee of Her Majesty's Council in superintending the Legislative Library.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Messrs SHEA and LITTLE do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Message requesting concurrence of Council in Resolution.

Resolved,—That a message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence in the foregoing Resolution.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. SHEA and LITTLE do take the message to Her Majesty's Council.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL, 1853.

Petition from Edward O'Keefe and others, Holyrood.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a petition from Edward O'Keefe and others of Holyrood, which was received and read,—Praying that the road which was marked out round Holyrood in 1836 may be completed.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Israel Goss and others, Bishops Cove.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from Israel Goss and others, of Bishops Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road from thence to Island Cove :

Petition from Thomas Yetman and others, Squid Cove.

Also, a Petition from Thomas Yetman and others, of Squid Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road in that locality.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from John Mill and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying that a sufficient amount may be granted to enable them to pay the salary of a Schoolmistress :

Petition from John Mill and others, Bonavista.

He also presented petitions from John Skiffington and others of Plate Cove, Open Hall, and Tickle Cove, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to open and complete branch roads in those localities.

Petitions from John Skiffington and others, Plate Cove, &c.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address requesting His Excellency to appropriate £50 to employ the Poor on roads in the District of Ferryland.

Assent of Governor to appropriation of £50 on Roads.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the Relief of the Poor, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Poor Relief Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to provide for the Relief of the Poor in the several Districts of this colony.”

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hanrahan and Bemister do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the Memorial of the Committee to superintend the procuring of specimens for the New York Exhibition, beg leave to state to Your Excellency that the Agent, (Mr. Whitman) on the occasion of his visit here in December last, was assured by the Local Government of their willingness to promote the objects of the Exhibition as far as concerned any contributions to be made from this colony.

Address to Governor.

That on the views of the Governor being thus manifested, a Committee was formed in this town, who have since been actively employed in procuring specimens of the natural productions of this Island, and who

have been led to rely on the Government for the necessary cost of the undertaking in which they are engaged.

That space has also been procured in the building for the exhibition of the products of this colony, of which formal notice has been communicated from New York.

That therefore it would not be creditable to the colony if any failure now occurred in the performance of what we have undertaken in this respect.

The House of Assembly respectfully submit that the Committee were warranted in relying on the reasonable aid of the Government to further their objects ; and as, in the opinion of the Assembly, it will conduce to the interest of this colony to have its productions fully represented at the Exhibition in question, they trust Your Excellency will see fit to sanction the appropriation of a sum to enable the Committee to perfect the arrangements in which they are now engaged.

The House would further respectfully state that, in their opinion, it will be better that the proposal be altogether abandoned than be carried out on a smaller scale than is contemplated by the Committee.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Shea and Mr. Hoyles.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, which he read in his place and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was again read, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to assent to a vote being initiated in this House for a

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Supply.

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sum of money not exceeding £450 to defray the necessary expenses of Delegates from this House to the Imperial Government, to represent the state of this colony and solicit the establishment of Responsible Government in this Island, and Reciprocal Free Trade between this colony and the United States of America ; and if Your Excellency should be advised to decline assenting to the vote, except upon the condition that an appropriation shall be sanctioned by this House for the payment of the expenses of a Delegation from Her Majesty's Council to represent the opinions of that Body, this House most respectfully inform Your Excellency that they will in such case submit to that condition, upon the understanding that they shall not be represented, compromised, or bound by the acts or views of any Delegate from the Council.

On motion that the Address be adopted, the House divided, when there appeared—

For the Motion, 8.

Against the Motion, 5.

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| Mr. Little. | Mr. Hoyles |
| “ Parsons | “ March |
| “ Shea | “ Warren |
| “ Winser | “ Bemister |
| “ Benning | “ Hayward. |
| “ Emerson | |
| “ Hogsett, | |

Division thereon.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl.

Notice of Bill for protection of Wild Fowl.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Wm. Coyal and others, inhabitants of Duckworth-street, Gower-street, James-street and streets adjoining Theatre-hill,—Praying for a grant to make a Tank in that locality :

Petition from Wm. Coyal and others.

Petition from Jas. Bryan and others.

From James Bryan and others, residents on the Pokeham Path road,—Praying for a grant to build a Tank there :

Petition from Rector and Churchwardens, St. John's.

From the Rector and Church-wardens of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to complete the Fence round the old Grave Yard :

Petition from Kyran Walsh and others.

From Kyran Walsh and others of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to complete the Fence round the old Roman Catholic Burial Ground :

Petition from Directors of Protestant Academy, St. John's.

From the Directors of the General Protestant Board of the St. John's Academy,—Praying that the master may be granted a sum of money in lieu of house rent :

Petition from Thomas Byrne, Road Surveyor.

From Thomas Byrne, Road Surveyor,—Praying that his salary may be paid him at regular periods, the same as other officers under Government :

Petition from Michael Berny and others.

From Michael Berny and others, of Burin,—Praying for a grant to establish a Ferry at Mortier Bay.

Petition from John Munn and others, Harbour Grace.

From John Munn and others, of Harbour Grace, to enable them to endow a District Surgeon for Conception Bay.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Documents from Governor.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a presentment from the Grand Jury on the subject of the present Lock-up House in St. John's, together with an estimate of the cost of converting part of the Market-house into a suitable building for that purpose.

For which see Appendix.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from E. Condon and others.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from E. Condon and others, of Point Verd, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable them to build a Breakwater there :

Petition from Wm. Keppel White and others, Harbor Beaufet.

Also, a Petition from Wm. Keppel White and others, of Harbor Beaufet, which was received and read,—Praying that a Constable may be appointed for that settlement.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Thomas Badcock and others, Cape Broyle and Brigus.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Thomas Badcock and others, of Cape Broyle and Brigus, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would pass an Act to prevent the use of Codseines on fishing ledges, and to prevent splitting of fish in the Coves in that locality during the Caplin Shoal.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Ed. Byrne, Quidi Vidi.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Edmund Byrne and others, farmers, of Quidi Vidi and the White Hills,—Praying for a grant to repair the Bridge at the southern end of the Pond.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the prevention of Trespasses on private property, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to prevent tresspasses on private property, read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Petition of John Stuart, claiming compensation for cost incurred by him in improving Rennie Stuart & Co's. Cove.

Select Committee on Petition of John Stuart.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Parsons, Hayward, Shea, Emerson, and Hogsett, do form such Committee.

Committee.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the petition of Honora Roach, respectfully request that Your Excellency will cause the proper enquiry to be made in reference to the circumstances therein mentioned, and to order that the petition be returned for the consideration of this House, with a view to grant the petitioner such pecuniary assistance as Your Excellency may deem her entitled to.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsor.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Thanks of this House be tendered to Arthur Cochrane, Esq., the Commander of Her Majesty's Ship *Sappho*, for his zealous endeavours to protect the Fisheries on the coast of Labrador and in the Straits of Belle Isle on the Eastern coast of this Island, during the past season, from Foreign encroachments, and for his able and practical Report to Vice-Admiral Sir George Seymour on this important subject.

Thanks of House tendered to Arthur Cochrane, Esq.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to Commander Arthur A. Cochrane by the Honorable the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the petition of Ellen McGrath, respectfully request that Your Excellency will cause the proper enquiry to be made in reference to the circumstances therein mentioned, and if found correct, to order that the petition be returned for consideration of the House, with a view to the liquidation of the claim preferred.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Select Committee in reference to Funks Island.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the consequences that are likely to result from the permanent occupation of the Funks Island.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Parsons, Hanrahan, Warren, Emerson, and Hogsett, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly beg most respectfully to inform Your Excellency that having appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the Petition of George Webber, they requested the Venerable Archdeacon Bridge, the Chairman of the Board of Education, to lay before the Committee the facts connected with his dismissal from his situation as master of the Magotty Cove School. That in reply to the request of the Committee, the Venerable Archdeacon refused to furnish the information asked for, on the ground that as the Commissioners of Education had received their appointment from the Crown, and exercised their functions under its

authority, they are responsible only to the Crown for their acts; and expressing his readiness to lay the information asked for before the Executive.

The House of Assembly therefore respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause information of the reasons that induced the Board of Education to dismiss the before named gentleman from a situation which (as they are informed) he had filled for a series of years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his pupils.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Mr. EMERSON moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause a sum of money to be appropriated for fencing and laying out the grounds around the Colonial Building, and the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative, and

Motion for Address to Governor.

Ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having taking into consideration that the Sureties of the Colonial Treasurer are by their Bond not liable for any loss that may occur by reason of the public monies being deposited in the Bank of British North America, and in accordance with a recommendation contained in a Report of a Select Committee of this House on the subject of the Savings' Bank, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause all public monies to be removed from thence to a place of security in connection with the Savings' Bank and Treasury, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for any cost that may be incurred thereby.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That owing to the present condition of this colony, and the want of means for completing the Main lines of Road in this Island, it is deemed advisable and necessary that an Address be adopted by this House to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for a loan of £50,000 from the Imperial Government, for the purpose of completing the said roads,—to be repaid, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding three and a-half per centum per annum, within twenty years by equal yearly instalments, and to form a primary charge on the Revenue of the colony until the liquidation thereof.

Resolved,—That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by message to Her Majesty's Council, and their concurrence requested therein.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINSER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Resolution for Message to H. M. Council.

Bill for Protection of Wild Fowl read 1st time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Committee of whole on Shipbuilding Bill.

Reported with Amendments.

Amendments agreed to.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

Committee of whole on Education Bill.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 14th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a return of 44 Brls. Indian Meal, distributed at Hants Harbor in 1852, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

Document from Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Committee of whole on Education Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Saturday next, and stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 15th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were read a third time as engrossed:—

Bills read 3rd time:—

The Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building:

The Bill to amend the practice of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts.

Passed and titled.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Ship-building in this Colony.”

Message from H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hanrahan and Bemister do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend the practice, and establish and fix the terms of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, and to provide for the appointment of Registrars and other officers in the Northern and Southern Districts of this Island.”

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hanrahan and Hayward do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

A Message from Her Majesty’s Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty’s Council brought down the following Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Message from H. M. Council.

The Legislative Council accede to the request of the House of Assembly to co-operate with them on the subject of the Legislative Library, and have appointed two members to meet a Committee of the Assembly to superintend its management.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
15th April, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were severally read a second time.

Bills read 2nd time.

The Bill to establish the value of all British Coin in this Colony:

The Bill to Incorporate a Gas-Light Company in St. John's:

The Bill to prevent trespasses on private property:

The Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the said Bills be severally committed to the whole House on Monday next.

Time of Committal.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the adoption of an additional rule upon the subject of Supply and Petitions:

Notice of Motion for Additional Rule.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to appoint Commissioners, not less than four, to report by Bill or otherwise on the practice of the Superior Courts of the Island.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL, 1853.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Education Bill stand first on the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Education Bill 1st order of day.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the consideration of the Bill for the protection of the Seal Fishery.

Committee of whole on Seal Fishery Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, as also to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

The Resolution was then read by the Clerk and is as follows:—

Resolved,—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That Messrs. March, Bemister, Shea, and Hanrahan, do form the Committee.

Committee of whole on Marine Insurance Incorporation Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Marine Insurance Incorporation Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Telegraph Incorporation Act.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to amend the Telegraph Incorporation Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BEMISTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred without Amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Inland Post Act Amendment Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Inland Post Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WARREN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again and stand first on the order of the day for Monday.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 18th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Inland Postal Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WARREN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 19th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from John Coady and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road from the Middle Bridge to the River-head:

Also, a Petition from Michael Kelly and others of the Northside of the River-head of Harbor Grace,—Praying for a grant to make a road to Cow Pond.

Progress reported.

Committee of whole on Inland Post Act Amendment Bill.

Progress reported.

Petitions from Harbor Grace.

On Table.

Petitions from St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Wm. Devereux, and also a Petition from Nicholas Drew of St. John's, which were severally received and read, setting forth,—The dreadful state of destitution to which they have been reduced by the fire at Apple-tree Well on Sunday the 3rd inst., and praying that a sum of money may be granted them in consideration of their heavy losses.

On Table.

Petition from John Barrington and others, St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

He also presented a Petition from John Barrington and others, fishermen of Saint John's and Logy Bay, which was received and read, setting forth,—The heavy loss sustained by them from the destruction of their fish on the 29th July last, by the falling of a cliff upon Patrick Ryan's flake at Logy Bay, where they were fishmakers; and praying that some compensation may be made them.

On Table.

Petition from J. M. Winter and others, Fogo.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from James M. Winter and others, of Fogo, which was received and read,—Praying that increased means of Postal Communication may be afforded to that District.

Referred to Committee on Postal Bill.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Postal Act Amendment Bill.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Committee of whole on Penitentiary Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the erection of a Penitentiary.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BEMISTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered

the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were read a third time as engrossed:—

Bills read 2nd time.

The Bill to amend the Electric Telegraph Act.

The Bill to Incorporate a Marine Insurance Company in St. John's.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT.

Resolved,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the 15th year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled ‘An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, ‘An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies, and also to provide for Incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company.’”

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Hogsett do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Saint John's Marine Insurance Company.”

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hoyles and Bemister do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Committee of whole on Education Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Notice for reconsideration of vote for Outport District Surgeons.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that in Committee of Supply he would move the reconsideration of the vote for Outport District Surgeons.

Notice of additional Rule.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that a Rule be added to the Rules and Orders of the House to determine the scale of Fees chargeable on private Bills :

Notice of Select Committee on Lock-up House.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the propriety of expending the sum of £250 in fitting up a Lock-up House in the Market-house.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 21st APRIL, 1853.

Petition from J. J. Rogerson and others, Sons of Temperance.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from James J. Rogerson & others, Sons of Temperance, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that Legislative measures be adopted to discourage the consumption of intoxicating liquors.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Petition of John Stuart, claiming compensation for cost incurred in improving Rennie, Stuart & Co's. Cove, presented the report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, as follows:—

Report of Select Committee on Petition of J. Stuart.

The Select Committee appointed by your Honorable House, to inquire into the Petition of John Stuart, claiming compensation for cost incurred by him in improving the Public Cove, known as Rennie, Stuart & Co's. Cove, beg leave to report that they have taken the evidence of parties well acquainted with the facts of the case, which they herewith submit.

They are of opinion, from the evidence, that Petitioner has fully estab-

lished his claim to compensation, not only on the ground that the benefit to the public is unquestionable, but likewise from the fact that public monies have been expended and are still expending on other public Coves leading from Water-street.

They therefore recommend that an Address be presented to His Excellency, accompanied by the evidence, respectfully requesting that he will cause such an amount of compensation to be awarded Petitioner, as in his opinion the justness of the claim warrants.

Respectfully submitted by

ROBERT J. PARSONS.
 GEORGE H. EMERSON.
 GEORGE J. HOGSETT.
 JOHN HAYWARD.
 A. SHEA.

Committee-Room,
 20th April, 1853. }

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor in accordance with the foregoing Report.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act.

Committee of whole on Inland Post Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Saturday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the consideration of the Bill to regulate the empannelling of Juries in the Supreme and Circuit Courts.

Committee of whole on Juries' Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed

Bill reported with Amendments.

him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time on Tuesday.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor in reference to the Petition of Joseph Bacon.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1853.

Petition from Peter Sexton, St. John's.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Peter Sexton, Outer Door-keeper of the House of Assembly, was received and read,—Praying for an increase of salary.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Wm. Stentaford, Brigus.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from Wm. Stentaford of Brigus, which was received and read,—Praying for an increase of his salary as Postmaster there.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Thomas Shockerough.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Thomas Shockerough, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Complaining that the Board of Poor Commissioners have refused to pay him a monthly allowance of 10s. 4d. which he has received for the last eleven years ; and praying that inquiry may be made into the circumstances connected therewith, and such action taken thereon as the House may deem expedient.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Richard Mackay, Barrow Island.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from Richard Mackay, of Barrow Island,—Praying for a grant to open and repair Roads there.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Memorial from T. F. H. Bridge, St. John's.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Memorial from Thomas F. H. Bridge, Master of Arts, Archdeacon of Newfoundland and Labrador, which was received

and read, setting forth,—That by separate legislative grants the members of the Roman Catholic Church, the Wesleyan Methodists, and the Presbyterians have been enabled, since the year 1843, to establish and maintain separate and independent schools for the education of the children of their respective communions.

That on the expiration of the Act for the promotion of Education in this colony, passed in the above-mentioned year, under which such privileges had been conferred upon the Roman Catholics, the Wesleyan Methodists, and the Presbyterians, petitions were laid upon the table of Your Honorable House, praying that by any new Act for the furtherance of Education, the like privileges should be granted to the Church of England, by the appropriation of a share of the vote for Education proportionable to her population, for the support of schools to be under the exclusive management of Ministers and other members of her own communion.

That such petitions were presented to Your Honorable House year after year for three years in succession ; that they were presented from the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, and from every clergyman in his Diocese, during that period, without a single exception ; and that the number of lay members of the Church of England signing those petitions was each year larger than the preceding.

That the said petitions were favorably received and entertained by Your Honorable House. That year by year since the expiration of the Act of 1843, only temporary Acts for the promotion of Education have been passed, with the avowed object and intention of preparing the way for sub-division, with a due regard to the just and reasonable claims of the Church of England, whose members are at the least a third part of the total population of the Island ; that the authorized published reports of the proceedings of Your Honorable House, to which your memorialist begs respectfully to refer you, show that pledges have been given, justifying the expectation that the same rule which has been applied to other Christian denominations from the year 1843, would be extended to the Church of England, and she be thereby placed in an equally fair and advantageous position for carrying on the sacred work of educating the children of her communion, with the Roman Catholics, the Wesleyan Methodists, and the Presbyterians.

That such expectation, so raised and so founded, will explain (if necessary) to Your Honorable House, why no petitions have been presented during this Session, as in former years, praying for the concession of this measure of common justice to the Church of England.

That Your Memorialist begs to add, as the result of extensive inquiries and long experience, his conviction that the system of amalgamated Protestant Boards of Education has produced, very generally in efficient schools, precluding, as it necessarily does, that individual responsibility

on the part of those to whom the management of them is committed, and that frequent local inspection and supervision, which are indispensable to their proper and beneficial operation; and this statement your Memorialist is prepared, if called upon, to verify.

That under all these circumstances, your Memorialist has learned with surprise and dismay that the Bill, entitled "a Bill for the encouragement of Education," now before Your Honourable House, proposes to continue the system, which is at the same time unjust to the Church of England, and prejudicial to the real interests of Protestant education; and he therefore earnestly and respectfully solicits Your Honourable House to take the premises into your consideration, and to enact that extension of the principle of sub-division already admitted and allowed in favor of Roman Catholics, Wesleyan Methodists, and Presbyterians, which will secure for the Church of England the rights which she claims, and the establishment of efficient schools in settlements of which the Protestant population is not too limited for the application of that principle; and your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will every pray.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Bill to regulate value of British Coin, read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to regulate the value of British Coins in this colony, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Time of Committal.

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Notice of Bill to provide for Delegates.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the expenses of Delegates from this colony to the Imperial Government:

Notice for suspension of Rules in reference thereto.

Also, for the suspension of the Rules of the House in reference to the said Bill.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill on the subject of Inland Postages. Notice of Inland Post Bill.
 Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from James Douglas and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that the Bill now before the House for Incorporating the St. John's Mutual Gas Light Company, may be passed into law. Petition from James Douglas and others, St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Maurice Henley and others, of Pouch Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for employment on the road; and also for some seed potatoes. Petition from Pouch Cove.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:— Documents from the Governor.

The Blue Book for 1852 :

Report of the state of the School at Magotty Cove, while under the charge of Mr. George Webber :

Return of provisions distributed for relief of the Poor and labor therefor, in District of Bonavista.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. LITTLE reported that His Excellency the Governor, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to sanction an appropriation of £450 to defray the expenses of a Delegation to the Imperial Parliament, had handed him the following written reply:— Replies of His Excellency to Addresses.

In order that the question of a Delegation to the Imperial Government may receive the consideration of the Legislative Council, as well as of the Assembly, previously to my determination upon it, I do not object to the necessary preliminary formality of the introduction of a separate Bill appropriating a sum of money not exceeding £450 to defray the necessary expense of a Delegation.

He also stated that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that the public monies might be removed from the Bank of British North America, had been pleased to say he would lay the Address before the Council.

Mr. PARSONS stated that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying inquiry into the Petitions of Honora Roach, Ellen McGrath, and George Webber, had been pleased to say that he would lay the Address before the Council.

Mr. HOGSETT moved, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appoint five Commissioners to inquire into, and report on, the state of the practice of the Supreme Courts of this Island, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the charges of such Commissioners, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of £100.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

For the Motion, 6.

Against the Motion, 3.

Mr. Hogsett

Mr. Hoyles

“ Emerson

“ March

“ Little

“ Bemister.

“ Parsons

“ Hanrahan

“ Winsor.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Emerson.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which he read in his place, and afterwards handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

Address to Governor.

Division.

Motion carried.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects the Commons of Newfoundland in General Assembly convened, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with sentiments of unwavering loyalty to Your Gracious Majesty's Person and Throne; to tender to Your Majesty our respectful and sincere acknowledgments for the protection afforded by the Imperial Government to the Fisheries of this colony and Labrador during the last year, and to pray that Your Gracious Majesty will be pleased to continue the same during the ensuing season.

Address to Her Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

The illicit traffic in Bait carried on between the inhabitants of the Western part of this Island and the French, has proved of serious injury to the Fisheries generally, as the supply enables them to begin their voyage on the Banks early in spring, thereby preventing the fish from reaching our coasts. The Assembly therefore most earnestly beseech Your Majesty graciously to be pleased to cause an efficient war-steamer to be stationed at Burin during winter, so that by being early on the coast, she may avert the evil of which they so greatly complain.

And the Address having been again read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed.

Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully beg to inform Your Excellency that they have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of protecting the Fisheries, which they request Your Excellency will be pleased to forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and to add Your Excellency's recommendation to its prayer.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Select Committee on Lock-up.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of converting part of the Market-house into a Lock-up.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Little, Warren, Shea, and Hanrahan do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Select Committee to regulate scale of Fees on Private Bills.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of adopting a scale of Fees on Private Bills, and to report thereon to the House.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Little, Hoyles, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

On Motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the Petition of John Stuart, claiming compensation for cost incurred by him in improving Rennie Stuart & Co's. public cove in 1847, and having taken the evidence of persons well acquainted with the facts of the case, beg leave to submit the same, together with the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the merits thereof.

The Assembly are of opinion that the work has proved of great public benefit, and most respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the payment to Petitioner of such an amount as Your Excellency may deem him entitled to.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Mr. EMERSON moved, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from Joseph Bacon, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to award Petitioner such compensation as Your Excellency may consider him entitled to receive for the losses alleged in his Petition to have been sustained by him, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

Address to Governor.

On motion that the Address be adopted, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Motion, 7.

Against the Motion, 4.

Mr. Emerson
 " March
 " Hoyles
 " Warren
 " Bemister
 " Parsons
 " Hanrahan.

Mr. Hogsett
 " Little
 " Winser
 " Talbot.

Division thereon.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Carried.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Emerson and Mr. March.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money to provide for the expenses of Delegates to the Imperial Parliament, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to defray Delegation expenses read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto.

Rules suspended.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Motion for 2nd reading.

Whereupon—

Mr. HOYLES moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

That the Bill be read a second time this day three months.

Amendment thereon.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

	<i>For the Amendment, 4.</i>	<i>Against the Amendment, 8.</i>
Division.	Mr. Hoyles " Warren " March " Bemister.	Mr. Little " Hogsett " Parsons " Emerson " Winser " Talbot " Hanrahan " Benning.
Negatived.	So it passed in the negative,	
Original motion carried	And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and	
Bill read 2nd time.	Accordingly the said Bill was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Little, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,	
Committed.	<i>Resolved</i> ,—That the Bill be now committed to the whole House. And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair. Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.	
Passed with Amendment.	The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with one Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.	
Amendment agreed to.	And the said Amendment having been read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.	
Engrossed and	<i>Ordered</i> ,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day.	
Read third time.	And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly. On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,	
Passed and titled.	<i>Resolved</i> ,—That the Bill pass and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of a Delegation to England."	
Deputation to H. M. Council.	<i>Ordered</i> ,—That Messrs. Parsons and Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.	
Notice of Address to Governor.	Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to the Governor on the Petition of James O'Neil.	

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to comply with the prayer of the Petition from James Doyle on the subject of compensation.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 25th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Ellen Foley of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That previous to the passing of the St. John's Re-building Act in 1846, she had erected substantial wood buildings on the same site as she had occupied before the fire of that year. That she last year received notice to remove the Buildings, or to build of unimflammable materials, which she has accordingly commenced doing. That while anxious to comply with the law, she humbly conceives herself entitled to some compensation, as she was not compelled to build of stone at the time when she commenced; and praying that her case may be inquired into.

Petitions from Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutney, St. John's.

He also presented a Petition from Patrick Doutney, of St. John's, which was received and read, of the same tenor as the foregoing.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration the Petitions of Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutney.

Notice for Select Committee on Petitions of Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutney.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the encouragement of Education, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Education Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. BEMISTER, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education."

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Bemister and Hanrahan do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl.

Committee of whole on Wild Fowl protection Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of third reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Gas Light Company Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to Incorporate a Mutual Gas Light Company in St. John's.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BEMISTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of third reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Penitentiary Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the erection of a Penitentiary.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BEMISTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Wednesday.

Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for regulating the appropriation of the Packet Postage in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to regulate Packet Postage read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from James Doyle, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to award to him such compensation as Your Excellency shall consider him entitled to receive for the losses alleged in his Petition to have been sustained by him ; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency therefor.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Emerson.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend that part of the Judicature Act having reference to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts in criminal cases.

Notice of Bill to amend Judicature Act.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency, praying for increase of Salary to Mr. Campbell, teacher of the Commercial School at Trinity.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 26th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from George Schofield, Minister of the Congregational Church of Saint John's, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would be pleased to pass an Act to enable

Petition from George Schofield, St. John's.

them to place certain of their lands and properties under control of Trustees.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Wild Fowl protection Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the Protection of the Breeding of Wild Fowl was read a third time as engrossed.

Passed and titled.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for the Protection of the Breeding of Wild Fowl.”

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. WINSER and TALBOT, do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Messages from Her Majesty's Council.

Messages from H.M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of the 13th instant, that they have passed the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That Her Majesty's Council will concur with the House of Assembly in an Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, praying for a loan of Fifty Thousand Pounds from the Imperial Government, at a rate not exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, for the purpose of completing the main lines of Roads in this colony.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed a Bill entitled “An Act to regulate the election of Trustees of

Land and Chattels for the Congregational Church in St. John's, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
26th April, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

The Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to regulate the election of Trustees of Land and Chattels for the Congregational Church in Saint John's" was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to appropriate a sum of money for the protection of the Fisheries on the North coasts of this Island and Straits of Belle Isle.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS reported that His Excellency the Governor, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to forward the Address of Thanks to Her Most Gracious Majesty for her protection of the Fisheries last year, had been pleased to say that he would willingly comply with the request of the House :

Also, that in reply to the Address praying that compensation may be awarded John Stuart for cost incurred by him in improving Rennie, Stuart & Co's. Cove, had been pleased to say he would refer the petition and evidence to the Council.

Mr. HOGSETT reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that His Excellency would be pleased to appoint Commissioners to report upon the practice of the Superior Courts of this Island, had been pleased to say he would give the subject his consideration.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from David Keefe and others, of Conception Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road eastward from Saddle Hill.

On Table.
Bill to regulate Trustees of Land and Chattels read 1st time.

Time of 2nd reading.
Notice of Address to Governor.

Replies of His Excellency to Addresses.

Petition from David Keefe and others, Conception Bay.

On Table.

Report of Select Committee on Petition of second-class Tide-waiters.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of the Second-class Tidewaiters, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed by your Honourable House to take into consideration the Petition of the Second-class Tide-waiters, beg leave to report that they have taken evidence upon the matter to them referred, and have come to the conclusion that, under all the circumstances of the case, it would be well to do away with the distinction between first and second classes of Tidewaiters; to divide the present Legislative grant equally among the whole body of Tidewaiters, and place all upon the same footing.

Respectfully submitted by

R. J. PARSONS
GEORGE J. HOGSETT
P. F. LITTLE.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the Report do lie upon the Table.

For Evidence accompanying, *see Appendix*.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the Petition of James O'Neil hereto prefixed, respectfully request that your Excellency would be pleased to make him such compensation as Your Excellency may deem him entitled to.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolution for Select Committee on Petitions of Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutney.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Petitions of Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutney.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Hogsett, and Hanrahan, do form such Committee.

Committee.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend that part of the Judicature Act having reference to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts in Criminal Cases, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to amend Judicature Act read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. MARCH, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from James Campbell, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to award Petitioner such increase of salary as Your Excellency may consider him entitled to receive; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. March and Mr. Bemister.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to the Governor, requesting that His Excellency would be pleased to appropriate a sum of money for the protection of the Fisheries on the North Coast of this Island, and the Straits of Belle Isle, which he read in his place and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Draft of Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

The order of the day for the third reading of the Jury Bill being read,

Order of day for 3rd reading of Jury Bill.

Ordered,—That the Bill be recommitted to the whole House.

Re-committed.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to report the same to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of third reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Penitentiary Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the erection of a Penitentiary.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BEMISTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Resolution.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, as also to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

The Resolution was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Resolved,—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee to inquire what is the lowest sum of money that will be sufficient to complete a suitable Penitentiary for this Island, preserving, as far as practicable, the outline of the present plans.

Report received.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hoyles, Little, Shea, Warren, and Bemister, do form such Committee.

Bill to regulate election of Trustees of Land and Chattels read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to regulate the election of Trustees of Land and Chattels for the Congregational Church in Saint John's," was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Time of Committal.

Resolved.—That the Bill be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 28th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following engrossed Bills were read a third time :

Bills read 3rd time.

The Bill to Incorporate a Mutual Gas Light Company :

The Bill to regulate the empannelling of Juries.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved.—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the St. John’s Mutual Gas Light Company.”

Passed and titled.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved.—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to regulate the empannelling of Juries in the Supreme and Circuit Courts of Newfoundland, and to determine the qualification of Jurors of the said Courts. ”

Passed and titled.

Ordered.—That Messrs. Little and Shea do take the said Bills to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to amend the Act for the regulation of Inland Posts.

Committee of whole on Inland Post Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk’s Table.

Reported with Amendments.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

Ordered.—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time on Saturday next.

Engrossed, and time of third reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to establish the legal value of all British Coin in this Colony.

Committee of whole on Bill to establish legal value of British Coin.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Saturday next.

Address to Governor for protection of Fisheries read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he would appropriate a sum of money for the protection of the Fisheries on the North Coasts of this Island, and the Straits of Belle Isle, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Time of Committal.

Resolved,—That the Address be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Circuit Courts Amendment Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of Newfoundland in Criminal Cases, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Time of Committal.

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Bill to regulate Trustees of Land and Chattels.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to regulate the election of Trustees of Land and Chattels for the Congregational Church in St. John's."

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HAYWARD took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Notice of Bill to amend Savings' Bank Act.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Act for the establishment of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank."

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to regulate the election of Trustees of Lands and Chattels for the Congregational Church in St. John's," was read a third time.

Bill to regulate election of Trustees of Land and Chattels read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and that a message be sent to H. M. Council acquainting them that this House have passed the same without amendment.

Passed, and Message to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Hayward do take the Bill and Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council request a conference with the House of Assembly on the subject of the Bill sent up to them from that House, "entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, and have appointed Conferees to meet the Conferees from the Assembly in the Committee Room of the Council presently.

Message from H.M. Council.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
29th April, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Message to H.M. Council.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council agreeing to the Conference required by the Council on the Bill for making and constructing Roads and Bridges.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea and Little do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Conferees.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea, Little, Hanrahan, and Winsor, do manage the Conference on the part of the House.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference:

And being returned, Mr. SHEA reported that the Managers had met the Committee of Conference on the part of Her Majesty's Council and had received from them the following Instructions:—

Instructions to Conferees.

Her Majesty's Council have requested this Conference with the House of Assembly for the purpose of acquainting them with certain Amendments which the Council deem it expedient to insert in the Bill, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repairing of Roads, Streets and Bridges," and which the Council desire the consent of the House of Assembly to their amending accordingly.

There are on the Table of the Council several Petitions from persons of all ranks and denominations, praying that a grant may be made for the line of road known as the Ship Harbor or Long Harbor line, which is now justly deemed one of the principal Main Lines of Road in the colony, connecting as it does the districts of Conception Bay and Trinity Bay, as well as Saint John's, with the Districts of Placentia, Burin, and Fortune Bay; and as the usefulness of that line of road is now generally admitted, the Council are of opinion that One Thousand pounds ought to be applied for that purpose, and that without exceeding the sum of Ten Thousand pounds, to which the whole grant is limited by His Excellency the Governor, this object may be accomplished by reasonable deductions from other appropriations in the following manner, viz.—

From that for the Road from Placentia to Rocky River£350

From that for the Road leading from Salmonier to St. Mary's...100

From that for the Road leading from Salmonier to Rocky River 200

And from the appropriation for Roads in Conception Bay 350

Looking to the population (only 6,473) of the District of Placentia and St. Mary's, and perceiving that the outlay proposed by the Bill is wholly

confined to that part of the District extending from Salmonier to St. Mary's and from Salmonier to Great Placentia, which contains less than one half its population; and considering the very small contribution of that District towards the Colonial Revenue, the Council do not think it entitled to so large a proportion as £1,440 out of £10,000, for after making the deductions above suggested, more will remain than its fair proportion, which, on the basis of population, is for the whole District only £673; but as Conception Bay would also be greatly benefitted by the Ship Harbour or Long Harbor Road from which it would obtain such an abundant supply of excellent timber for shipbuilding (a branch of industry which is so much desired to encourage) and for all other purposes, the Council think that the above contributions from the amount appropriated for that District should also be made.

Considering the importance of the Postal Road from Trinity to King's Cove, the Council are of opinion that a further sum of £50 should be appropriated from the District of Bonavista South towards the formation of that Road.

They also propose to apportion the sum of £20 of the money now appropriated for the Main road from Aquaforte towards Renewse upon the Road between Renewse, Broad Cove, and Chance Cove, in the same District.

Ordered,—That the said Instructions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the reasons contained in the Report of the Conferees of Her Majesty's Council being unsatisfactory, a Select Committee be appointed to prepare Instructions to be offered at a Conference to be requested with Her Majesty's Council on the subject matter of the last Conference.

Motion for Select Committee to prepare Instructions to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Shea and Little do form such Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Documents from Governor.

Report of the St. John's Board of Road Commissioners for 1852:

Report of Thomas Byrne, Road Surveyor, on work done on the Colinet Road:

Return of Relief to the Poor for labour on Roads in the District of Harbour Beaufet 1852 and '53.

Copy of Instructions given to Commissioners for relief of the Poor.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Notice of Address to His Excellency John F. Cramp-ton.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON, Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, thanking him for his promptness and attention with respect to the Address of this House on the subject of Reciprocal Free Trade between this Colony and the United States, and soliciting his further consideration of the interests of this Island in any negotiations that may take place on Reciprocal Free Trade between the British North American Colonies and the United States :

Delegation to Washington.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Delegate from this House to proceed to Washington for the purpose of furthering its views on the subject of Reciprocity between this colony and the United States according to the Resolutions already adopted by the House.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 1853.

Petition from Martin Williams and others, Bay Bulls.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Martin Williams and others, of Bay Bulls, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road leading to Magotty Cove.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Bill to repeal and amend part of Savings' Bank Act.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to repeal and amend part of the Act for the establishment of a Savings' Bank in Newfoundland, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to

Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, which he read in his place and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read as follows:—

*To His Excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON,
Esquire, Her Majesty's Minister at
Washington, &c. &c,*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland beg to tender their thanks to Your Excellency for your promptness and attention with respect to their Address adopted during the present session, on the important subject of Reciprocal Free Trade between this Colony and the United States of America.

Address of thanks to Her Majesty's Minister at, Washington.

The House of Assembly respectfully solicit your further consideration of the interests of this Island in any negotiations that may take place, or any arrangement that may be contemplated on the question of Reciprocal Free Trade between the British North American Colonies and the United States.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Address be adopted.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed.

Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That AMBROSE SHEA, Esquire, be appointed a Delegate from this House, to proceed to Washington for the purpose of furthering the views of the Assembly as contained in the Resolutions already adopted by this House on the subject of Reciprocal Free Trade between this Colony and the United States; and also to present a duplicate of the Address of Thanks adopted by this House to the British Minister at Washington.

A. Shea, Esq. appointed Delegate.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will

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be pleased to transmit the accompanying Address of Thanks adopted by this House to the British Minister at Washington.

The Assembly beg to inform Your Excellency that they have named Ambrose Shea, Esq. a Delegate from the House to proceed to Washington for the purpose of furthering their views on the subject of Reciprocal Free Trade between this Colony and the United States, and of presenting a duplicate of the said Address to the British Minister at Washington.

The Assembly therefore respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to furnish Mr. Shea with the usual credentials granted in such cases.

Engrossed and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Winsor.

Committee of whole on Bill to establish value of British Coin.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to establish the legal value of all British Coin in this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 2nd MAY, 1853.

Mr. MARCH, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Bill for the protection of the Seal Fishery, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed by Your Honourable House to take into consideration the Bill now before the House for the regulation of the Seal Fishery, beg leave to report that they have given due attention to the matter to them referred, and have taken the evidence thereon of several parties intimately acquainted with the subject, which is appended hereto.

In accordance with the views unanimously expressed by the witnesses in question, the Committee beg leave to recommend the passing of the Bill with the modifications suggested in the evidence, believing it to be a measure calculated to promote the best interests of that important branch of the industry of this colony.

STEPHEN MARCH
JOHN BEMISTER
A. SHEA.

For evidence accompanying, see *Appendix*.

Ordered,—That the Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the Bill for the protection of the Seal Fishery be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Time of Committal of Seal Fishery Bill.

Mr. WARREN, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Pickled Fish Act, presented the report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table where it was again read, as follows:—

Report of Select Committee on Pickled Fish Act.

The Select Committee appointed by Your Honourable House to consider the expediency of continuing the operation of the Pickled Fish Act, beg to report, that having taken the evidence of a number of gentlemen, whose experience and competency entitled their opinions to much weight, together with the serious consideration given the matter by Your Committee, with a due regard to the interests of Trade, beg leave to make the following suggestions:—

First.—That the present Act, not having been attended with that success during its operation (particularly as regards Herring,) as was anticipated by the framers of that Act, should not be renewed.

Second,—That a new Act should be passed for the continuance of Inspection on Salmon, and that the same conditions and method of packing, branding, &c., shall be observed as in the present Act.

Third,—That it is the opinion of Your Committee (coupled with the evidence taken by them), that the character of Herring would be better sustained by enacting that all exporters shall brand every package containing Herring in their own name, together with the number of pounds

weight contained therein, and whether of spring or fall cure—the onus thereby being thrown upon the shipper ; and that previous to the clearance at the Customs of any vessel in which shipments of herring are made, a declaration or certificate shall be given of the packages being so branded.

Fourth,—That all parties selling herring should be compelled to have full Two Hundred pounds weight in each barrel, and in default thereof, and in case of an inferior quality being therein contained to what may appear on the top of the package, or any attempt to defraud, such party or parties so attempting to sell such herring or other pickled fish in St. John's, or other district, shall be subject to a fine and a forfeiture of such herring, together with the package containing the same.

JOHN H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

JOHN BEMISTER.

H. W. HOYLES.

For evidence accompanying, *see Appendix.*

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the prevention of Trespasses on Granted Lands.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINNER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with one Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

And the Amendment having been read a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Messages from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the

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Committee of whole on
Bill for prevention of Tres-
passes on Granted Lands.

Reported with Amend-
ment.

Amendment agreed to.

Engrossed and time of
3rd reading.

Messages from H. M.
Council.

fifteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and for Incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies, and also to provide for Incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Council Chamber
2nd May, 1853. }

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the St. John's Marine Insurance Company," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
2nd May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the St. John's Marine Insurance Company," were read a first time, and are as follows:—

Amendments of H. M. Council on Marine Insurance Company Bill, read 1st time.

In the 2nd Section of the Bill, 19th line,—Expunge the word "annum" and insert "centum" in its stead.

" 3rd " 9th line,—Expunge all the words between the word "Governor" and the word "and" in this line.

13th line,—Expunge "or" between "Agent" and the letter "a," and insert "and" in place thereof.

" 4th " 9th line,—Expunge "continue" and insert "constitute" in its stead.

" 7th " 4th line,—Expunge the word "matter" and insert in its stead the words "claim on the Company."

" 15th " 6th line,—Expunge the word "Directors," and insert "Committee" in its stead.

" 17th " 2nd line,—Expunge the words "double the" and insert "an" in their stead—and after "amount" insert the words "equal to that."

In the 18th Section, 3rd line,—Expunge the word “or” after “Stockholder” and insert the word “not” in its stead.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Passed Her Majesty's Council,
May, 1853. }

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Amendments of H. M. Council on the Electric Telegraph Act, read 1st time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the “Act to amend the Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and also to provide for Incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company,” were read a first time, and are as follow:—

Expunge all the words after the word “convened” in the second line of the enacting clause, and insert in place thereof as follows:—“that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company by resolution at any general meeting to be held in conformity with the said Act to increase its capital from One Hundred Thousand pounds to Three Hundred Thousand pounds, by increasing its number of shares from One Thousand to Three Thousand of One Hundred pounds each, the said new shares to be subject to the same provisions of the said Act as the shares already thereby created.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Passed Her Majesty's Council,
May, 1853. }

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Address for protection of Fisheries.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Address to His Excellency the Governor on the protection of the Fisheries.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINSER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Address to them referred without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were read a second time:—

Bills read 2nd time.

The Bill to regulate the Packet Postage in this colony.

The Bill to amend the Act for the establishment of a Savings' Bank in Newfoundland.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the Bills be severally committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Time of Committal.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY, 1853.

The order of the day, for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act, being read,

Order of day for 3rd reading of Inland Post Bill read.

Ordered,—That the Bill be recommitted to the whole House for the purpose of amending the 17th section by inserting the words "and for fuel and light a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds" in the 7th line, and also for the purpose of amending the 16th section by expunging the word "nineteen" and inserting "thirty-four" in the sixth line thereof.

Order for re-committal.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had re-considered the Bill to them referred, and had further amended the same, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Progress reported.

And the Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendment agreed to.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time presently.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

And the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act for the establishment of Inland Posts.”

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. HOGSETT and LITTLE do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Governor on the protection of the Fisheries as engrossed, was read a third time, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency to be pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding £550, (including any balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the amount voted last year on the Address of the late Assembly on this service,) for the protection of the Fisheries on the North-east coast of this Island, Belle Isle, and Southern coasts of Labrador; by procuring by tender or public notice, a boat of five hands for Cape John, a suitable fast craft, and at least twelve hands to cruise in the Straits of Belle Isle with a boat and part of the crew of the latter vessel to be occasionally stationed at Belle Isle; the said vessel and boat to be subject to the inspection and approval of some competent judge to be selected by Your Excellency; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency therefor.

The House of Assembly would also respectfully solicit Your Excellency to request the naval officer who may be commanding on the station, to supply a relief boat, when necessary, for Belle Isle, and to cooperate generally according to the course adopted last year in rendering this important service as effective as possible.

Adopted and engrossed.

Ordered,—That the Address be adopted and engrossed.

Committee to present.

Ordered,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Bemister be a Committee to present the Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Committee of whole on Bill to regulate value of British Coin.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to regulate the value of British Coins in this colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of Newfoundland in Criminal Cases.

Committee of whole on Circuit Courts Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment.

Reported without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Telegraph Incorporation Act Amendment Bill, and on the St. John's Marine Insurance Incorporation Bill, were severally read a second time.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Marine Insurance Company Bill, read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINNER,

Resolved,—That the said Amendments be severally Committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Time of Committal.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to regulate the appropriation of Packet Postage in this Colony.

Committee of whole on Packet Postage Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

Engrossed, and time of
3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Notices of Addresses to
Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Queen in reference to Packet Postage :

Also an Address to the Governor on the subject of arrears for printing on account of the Inland Post Act.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY, 1853.

Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which he read in his place and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland in Legislative Session convened, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with feelings of the most profound devotion to Your Majesty's person and Government.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We beg most respectfully to state to Your Majesty, our regret to find, by a Despatch from Sir John S. Packington, Your Majesty's late Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, bearing date the 23rd day of December, 1852; that an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature of this Colony, entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of the Inland Posts," has not received Your Majesty's gracious assent, in consequence of the 16th section of that Act containing a provision by which a portion of the Imperial Packet Postage paid in this Colony is appropriated towards the payment of the expenses of the Post Office establishment here;

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

That in thus withholding Your Majesty's assent to that Act, it appears by that Despatch, Your Majesty was advised so to do by Sir John S. Packington, on the representations contained in the Earl of Hardwicke's Letter on this subject to the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners

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of the Treasury, bearing date the 10th December, 1852, in which he was pleased to state that "the entire amount of Packet Postage collected in Nova Scotia has been remitted to Great Britain ever since the control of the Posts in that Province was surrendered to the Local Government."

That on reference to the 14th section of the 23rd chapter of the Postal Act of the said Province, passed in the year 1851, and to the accompanying letter on the same subject from A. Woodgate, Esq., the Postmaster General of that Province, bearing date 1st February, 1853, it will appear manifest to Your Majesty that such an appropriation of the Imperial Packet Postage (collected in Nova Scotia) towards the payment of the expenses of the Post-office establishment in that Province is strictly consistent with the practice of that office, and the law regulating the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

The whole of the expenses attendant on the management of the Post-office establishment in this colony being paid and defrayed out of its local Revenue; and entertaining, as we do, the profoundest respect for the decision already given by Your Majesty on this subject, we most respectfully beg leave to assure Your Majesty, that in thus bringing this matter again under Your Majesty's notice, we do so with the hope that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into Your Royal consideration, and enable the Postal department in Newfoundland to deduct one-sixth of the Packet postage at present paid therein, or one-sixth of such postage as may be established by Your Majesty's Government, pursuant to the Act accompanying this Address.

Ordered,—That the Address be adopted and engrossed.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of Packet Postage, which they respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Parsons.

Adopted and engrossed.

Address to Governor.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Committee of whole on amended Bills.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bills as amended by Her Majesty's Council.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Amendments to them referred, and had passed the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council on the Telegraph Incorporation Act Amendment Bill, without amendment; and the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to Incorporate a Marine Insurance Company in St. John's, without amendment.

Time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be severally read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Savings' Bank Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill to amend the Act for the establishment of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Bill to determine value of British Coin.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to determine the value of all British Coins in this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered at a Conference to be requested with Her Majesty's Council on the subject matter of the Amendments proposed by that body to be made in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads and Bridges," presented the report, which he read in his place and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

Report of Select Committee on Council's Amendments on Road Bill.

The House of Assembly have requested this Conference with Her Majesty's Council for the purpose of acquainting them that they cannot concur in the Amendments proposed to be made in the appropriations of the Road Bill as sent up from the Assembly.

The right of the Assembly to determine money appropriations is a principle which the House believed would not have been disputed. They regret, however, to observe a disposition now manifested by Her Majesty's Council to call in question this well-understood privilege of the Representative Branch.

It would appear to the Assembly to be a waste of time to refer to the Parliamentary rules which guarantee this right. Even in our own proceedings the position of the House in this respect is clearly sustained by the practice that has invariably prevailed, of refusing to receive any Money Bill which had been changed in the Council, and the Assembly are not aware that this course of procedure has ever been subject of controversy or doubt.

In the Instructions which accompanied the Charter, granting Representative Government to this colony, the Legislature are referred, as a guide for their proceedings, to the practice of the Imperial Parliament, as far as circumstances will permit; and the Assembly do not apprehend that such a reference to the practice of the House of Lords will warrant the position the Council have assumed with reference to the Bill in question.

The detailed objections which Her Majesty's Council have taken on this question do not stand on sustainable grounds. When stating that the District of Placentia and St. Mary's was not entitled to so large an amount as £1,440 out of a grant of £10,000, the Council must have forgotten that in 1851 they agreed to a grant of £2,000 for the Salmonier and Colinet Road out of the gross sum of £12,000, thus sanctioning a

larger proportionate amount than that now objected to by them as being too large. And in the reference made by the Council to the small contribution made by that district to the Colonial Revenue, the Assembly are unable to discover the grounds on which the Council have arrived at the conclusion that the people of that District contribute less than their legitimate share to the sustainment of the public burthens,—a conclusion moreover which the Assembly believe an investigation of the matter would wholly rebut.

The assertion that the appropriation for the Placentia and Salmonier line is to be regarded as a District grant, appears to the House to be wholly untenable, and they regard it with surprise when emanating from a Body to whom the fact was known that Great Placentia, where that road terminates, is the Mail Packet station for the Western districts of Burin and Fortune Bay; and that the Road has long being viewed as of great importance, not only to those Districts but also to St. John's, whose interests would be highly conserved by bringing it into communication with the fertile lands and cattle herds which abound in the country which this road will intersect.

The proposal to complete a second Western line through the wilderness to Ship Harbor, where scarcely a dozen families reside, by abstracting a portion of the funds appropriated to other roads, is not only in principle inadmissible, but involves as well the impracticable attempt of running two Roads in the same direction, while the means of the colony are inadequate to the completion of one. Besides, it is more than probable that part of what is called the Ship Harbor line will have to be constructed by the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company for their purposes; and as the Legislature has already provided to make a contribution towards their Western line of road, they prefer expending the very limited funds available for this important branch of the public service in completing Main Lines of present necessity, to the adoption of a system of speculative and scattered road appropriations.

With reference to the other alterations suggested by the Council in the appropriations, the Assembly would remark, that in the allocation of District grants, they have consulted the interests of each district through the representatives thereof. While the Assembly thus submit the Reasons on which they have made their Road appropriations, with the view of preventing, as far as in them lies, so great a calamity befalling the country as the second rejection of the Road Bill would entail, they must distinctly protest against the course they have deemed it prudent to adopt towards Her Majesty's Council being construed into a waiver of their privileges.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the Report be adopted, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting a Conference on the subject matter of the Amendments proposed to be made by that Body in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads and Bridges."

Adopted, and Message to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. LITTLE and HOGSETT do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to establish a License Fee for the sale of Liquors by wholesale in this Island.

Notice of Bill for License Fee on sale of Liquors.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 5th MAY, 1853.

At Three o'clock, Mr. WINSER being the only member present, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, 6th MAY, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Patrick Delaney and others, distressed labourers of Saint John's, which was received and read,—Praying for employment on the roads.

Petition from Patrick Delaney and others, St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor soliciting His Excellency to use his influence to secure for this colony a proportion of the Copper Coin now being made for the use of the Colonies.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies :

Notice of Revenue Bill.

Also, that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a further sum of money for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum :

Notice of Lunatic Asylum Bill.

Also that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency

Notice of Address to Governor.

the Governor,—Praying that His Excellency will be pleased to pay the sum of £250 voted for the New York Exhibition.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were read a third time as engrossed:—

Bills read 3rd time.

The Bill for the prevention of Trespasses on granted Lands :

The Bill to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of Newfoundland in Criminal cases :

The Bill to regulate Packet Postage in this colony :

The Bill to amend the Act for the establishment of a Savings' Bank in Newfoundland.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for the Prevention of Trespasses on Private Property.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. PARSONS and LITTLE do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to remove doubts respecting the Jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of Newfoundland in Criminal cases.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hoyles and Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the third Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act regulating the appropriation of the Packet Postage in this Colony.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett and Parsons do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the fourth Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to Repeal and Amend parts of an Act of the Legislature of this colony, intituled ‘An Act for the establishment of a Savings' Bank in Newfoundland.’”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett and Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Amendments on Electric Telegraph and Marine Insurance Incorporation Bills read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Electric Telegraph Incorporation Bill, and on the Marine Insurance Incorporation Bill, were severally read a third time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Resolved,—That the several Amendments on both Bills do pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Passed and Message to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. LITTLE and HOYLES do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

Messages from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Messages :

Messages from H.M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up for the concurrence of this House, entitled "An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the St. John's Mutual Gas Light Company," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
6th May, 1853. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber
6th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to Incorporate a

Amendments of H. M. Council on Gas Light Company Bill.

Company under the style and title of the St. John's Mutual Gas Light Company" were read a first time, and are as follows:—

Expunge the 13th Section of the Bill.

In the 18th Section of the Bill, 3rd line, after the word "safety" insert the words "and in such place only as shall be first approved by the Governor in Council."

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Wild Fowl protection Bill.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for the Protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl," were read a first time and are as follows:—

In the 1st Section of the Bill, last line,—insert the word "other," between the words "or" and "will."

" 2nd Section " 5th line,—Insert ditto ditto.

" 3rd Section " 3rd line,—Expunge "twentieth" and insert "thirty-first" instead thereof.

" 4th Section " 2nd line,—Expunge "bring" and insert "buy" in its stead—and expunge "brought" and insert "bought" in its stead.

" 3rd Section " 2nd line,—Insert between the words "kill" and "any" the words "or purchase."

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message from Her Majesty's Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Message from H. M. Council.

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they accede to the Conference requested by them on the subject of the last Conference, and have appointed Conferees to meet the Managers from the House of Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council, presently.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council-Chamber,
6th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Hogsett, Hanrahan, and Bemister do manage the Conference on the part of the House.

Managers named,

And their names being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Mr. LITTLE reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and had complied with the Instructions of the House.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported,

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 7th MAY, 1853.

At twenty minutes to Three o'clock, the names of members present being taken down as follows: Mr. WINSER, Mr. HANRAHAN, Mr. TALBOT, and Mr. BENNING, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, 9th MAY, 1853.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the House into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means to consider the following Resolution:—

Notice for Committee of whole on Ways & Means.

Resolved,—That an Export duty be levied on dry cured Codfish, of One penny per quintal, and One-penny per gallon on Codliver oil, and Seal oil, and One-penny on each Sealskin.

Committee of whole on
Seal Fishery Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the protection of the Seal Fishery.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

Message from H. M.
Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island and to regulate the representation thereof," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
9th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Amendments of H. M.
Council on Gas Light
Company and Wild Fowl
Protection Bills read 2nd
time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The Mutual Gas Light Company," and the Amendments made on the Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl, were severally read a second time.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE.

Time of Committal.

Resolved,—That the said Amendments on both Bills be severally committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Bill to regulate Sale of
Spirituous Liquors read
1st time.

Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the wholesale of Spirituous Liquors, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to continue and amend the "Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this colony," and the same was read a first time.

Revenue Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Bill to increase the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this colony, be now read a first time.

The Amendments were read a first time accordingly, and are as follow:—

In the 1st Section of the Bill, 2nd line, 2nd page,—Expunge the word "eight," and insert the word "six" in place thereof.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Representatives Bill, read 1st time.

12th line, 2nd page,—Expunge the word "two," and insert "three" in its stead.

16th line, 2nd page,—Expunge all the words after the word "whom" in this line, to the word "inclusive" in the 7th line of the 3rd page, and insert in their stead as follows:—"One shall be chosen by the Electors residing in that part of the said District between Horse Cove and Colliers, inclusive. Three by the Electors residing in that part of the said District between Colliers, exclusive, and Bryant's Cove, inclusive. Two by the Electors residing in that part of the said District between Bryant's Cove, exclusive, and Crocker's Cove, inclusive. And One by the Electors residing in that part of the said District between Crocker's Cove Brook, exclusive, and Bay de Verds, inclusive."

7th line, 3rd page,—Expunge all the words after the word "inclusive" in this line, to the word "members" in the 12th line, and insert in their stead as follows:

"The District of St. John's, which shall be comprised within the limits

of the present Electoral District of St. John's, and shall be represented in the General Assembly by Six members, of whom *Three* shall be chosen by the Electors of the said District residing at the South-side of St. John's Harbour, at Petty Harbor, and on the western side of the Road leading from Hunter's Cove up Prescott Street; thence along the Road leading to Pringle's Bridge; thence along the old Portugal Cove Road to where it joins the new Portugal Cove Road; thence along the new Portugal Cove Road until it meets the Broad Cove road, and then following the Broad Cove Road until it reaches the settlement of Broad Cove:— and *Three* by the Electors of the said District residing on the Eastern and Northern side of the above named Roads, including Broad Cove, Belle-Isle, and all other settlements in the said District not otherwise named."

In the 1st Section of the Bill, 16th line, 3rd page,—Expunge the word "two," and insert "one" in its stead, and expunge the letter "s" from the word "members."

19th line, 3rd page,—Expunge the word "three" and insert "two" in its stead.

1st line, 4th page,—Expunge the word "two" and insert "one" in its stead, and expunge the letter "s" from the word "members."

Expunge the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Bill.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time on Thursday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill
read 1st time.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting a further sum of money to Her Majesty for establishing a Lunatic Asylum in St. John's, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause certain accounts due by the Post-master General, for certain printing necessarily done for the purpose of carrying out the arrangements of the Postal Establishment of this colony, to be paid ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to use your interest with the Imperial Government, in order to procure for this colony a portion of the Copper coins now being made for the use of the colonies ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having, in accordance with Your Excellency's assent, voted in Committee of Supply the sum of Two Hundred and

Fifty Pounds for the New York Exhibition, respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause the same to be paid out of the Treasury of this colony.

Engrossed, and Committee
to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr Hoyles and Mr. Little.

Documents laid before
House by Mr. Speaker,

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of a cheap and uniform Postage to colonial correspondence:

Despatch from the Secretary of State in reply to the Address on the subject of Reciprocal Trade between this colony and the United States.

For which see Appendix.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Despatches do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 10th MAY, 1853.

The House met at Two o'clock, and adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1853.

Petition from McBride &
Kerr and others, of St.
John's.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from McBride & Kerr and others, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That your Petitioners have heard with alarm that the French Government have been in Treaty with the British Government recently for the transfer of Belle Isle in the Straits to the former Government, and are likely to succeed in obtaining it. That island being the point where the cod fish strike on their way to the shores of Labrador, and therefore one of the best fishing stations on the north-east coast of this island, petitioners feel convinced that if it should unfortunately be ceded to the French, a great portion of the Labrador will be rendered useless to the British fishermen in consequence of the extended operations which the possession of that island

would enable them to prosecute. That the great object of your exertions for the protection of the fisheries in that quarter has been directed to this important key of our Labrador fisheries ; and can it be that the British Government which has co-operated lately in that protection, will consent to sacrifice any further the interests of this old and loyal colony ?

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your honorable house will take this matter into your earnest and immediate consideration, and petition the Imperial Government not to surrender Belle Isle to their great rivals; and thus save this country from the consequences of their encroaching spirit.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the foregoing Petition.

Notice of Address to Her Majesty.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from Thomas Boone and others, of Twillingate, members of the Church of England, which was received and read,—Praying that a proportionate part of the yearly grant for Education may be awarded for the support of Schools in connection with the Church of England, to be under the control of the Clergy and Members of that Church only.

Petition from T. Boone and others.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from David Connors and others, first class Tidewaiters of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that their salaries may be continued at the same rate as at present.

Petition from D. Connors and others.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the table.

On Table.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bills sent up from the House of Assembly for the concurrence of this House, entitled " An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts of Newfoundland in criminal cases,"—and " An Act for the prevention of Trespasses on Private Property in this colony," without amendment.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
11th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Replies of His Excellency
to Addresses.

Mr. HANRAHAN reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Addresses praying His Excellency to award some compensation to James Doyle and James Campbell for losses complained of by them, had been pleased to say he would lay the Addresses before the Council.

Mr. HOGSETT reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that His Excellency would be pleased to forward the Address on Packet Postage to Her Most Gracious Majesty, had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. LITTLE reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that compensation might be awarded James O'Neil, teacher, for loss sustained by him from the establishment of endowed schools, had been pleased to say he would lay the Address before the Council:

That to the address praying His Excellency to appropriate £550 for the protection of the Fisheries, His Excellency had handed him the following reply:—

I willingly assent to this appropriation, and will adopt the measures requisite for the effectiveness of the contemplated service.

Report of Select Committee
on Petitions of Ellen
Foley and Patrick Doute-
ney.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Petitions of Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutey for loss sustained by them from the operation of the St. John's Re-building Acts, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read and is as follows:—

The Select Committee on the subject of the Petitions of Mrs. Ellen Foley and Mr. Patrick Doutey, having taken the accompanying evidence thereon, and fully considered the matters therein set forth, beg to report, that in their opinions the Petitions are entitled to the special consideration of the Executive.

It appears that the house of the first-named Petitioner is situate on the south side of Duckworth-street in St. John's, on the site of her former house, which was destroyed by the fire of June 1836; that it was erected and covered in, though not fully finished, before the 4th August, 1846, the date of the local Act obliging parties to build of unflammable material on the south side of Duckworth-street—a restriction first imposed by that Act, which however contained a clause re-enacted in 1852, providing compensation for parties who should sustain any loss by reason of the passing thereof, while the law prohibits the continuance of wooden buildings within certain limits which comprehend the premises of the Petitioners.

It is the opinion of the Committee, that instead of obliging these par-

ties to take down their houses, by which they would sustain considerable loss, it would be advisable for the Executive to enter into an equitable arrangement with them to enable them to cover their houses with uninflammable materials, and thus comply with the terms of the law, without obliging them to seek redress in a Court of Law, under circumstances of aggravation which would enhance the compensation which the colony might have to meet, if their right to any should be established before a legal tribunal.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. F. LITTLE,
Chairman,
WM. TALBOT.
GEO. J. HOGSETT.

Committee-room,
6th May, 1853. }

For evidence accompanying, see *Appendix*.

Ordered,—That the said Report and Evidence do lie upon the Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, in reference to the Petitions of Patrick Doutney and Ellen Foley.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Ways and Means, to consider the propriety of imposing an export duty of one penny per quintal on dried codfish, one penny per gallon on cod liver and seal oil, and one penny on each seal-skin.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for establishing the legal value of British and other Coins in this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

On Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Progress reported.

Committee of whole on Bill to establish value of British Coin.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred without Amendment; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Council's Amendments.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon Bills sent up from the Assembly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Amendments to them referred, and had passed the Amendments upon the Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The St. John's Gas Light Company," and the Amendments on the Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl, without Amendment; and he handed the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Motion for 2nd reading of Revenue Bill.

Mr. HOYLES moved, pursuant to order of the day, that the Revenue Bill be now read a second time.

Whereupon,

Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Amendment thereon.

That the order of the day be postponed till this day week.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 5.

Against the Amendment, 1.

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles.

" Hogsett

" Winser

" Talbot

" Hanrahan.

Amendment carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting a further sum of money for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Time of Committal.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting Licenses for the wholesale of spirituous liquors was read a second time.

Bill to regulate Sale of Spirituous Liquors read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Time of Committal.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House an abstract of Poor Relief from 1st January to 8th May, 1853; and a letter from the Chairman of the Central Road Board in reference to arrears of salaries due the officers of the Board.

Documents from Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 12th MAY, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Petition of George Webber, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the complaint of George Webber, as set forth in his Petition to Your Honorable House, stating that he had been unjustly dismissed as a Teacher of the Maggotty Cove School, beg leave to report that, in pursuance of the duty to them entrusted, they met, and having closely examined the statements furnished the Committee by Mr. Webber, deemed it necessary to summons the Venerable Archdeacon Bridge, the Chairman of the Central Board of Education, on the matter of the said complaint. To which respectful summons, the Committee received a reply that the Archdeacon had called together the Board of Education, and they refused to sanction his appearance before the Committee to give a statement of the causes which induced the Board to dismiss the Teacher of the Maggotty Cove School, being, as they state, only amenable to the Executive, to whom they would, if required, furnish any information that was desired. The Committee not being desirous to raise any question on that extraordinary pro-

Report of Select Committee on Petition of George Webber.

ceeding of the Board of Education as the present, proceeded by Address of this House to arrive at the information required; and they accordingly, through the head of the Executive, obtained a statement from the Chairman, with sundry minutes of the Board of Education, which the Committee subjoin. These records go to show that the Central Board found cause of complaint as to the want of progress and discipline in the school; and the Committee deemed it necessary to hand their minutes to Mr. Webber for his report upon them. The answer of the Petitioner to the charges contained in the reports of the Board satisfied your Committee that the Teacher was not to blame in this behalf, so much as the Board who neglected to furnish fit furniture, books, and appurtenances to enable the teacher to pursue his avocation with credit to himself and benefit to the pupils committed to his charge. The Committee have taken the evidence of Nicholas Stabb, Esq., and Charles Simms, Esq., members of the Board, and both these gentlemen testify to the unblemished character of the teacher, and the latter particularly refers to the dearth of books in the school, and that of one cheap class-book there was but *one copy* in the whole school—a fact sufficient to convince your Committee that it must have been an utter impossibility to conduct the school with any prospect of progress, under a system which thus cramped the energies of both Teacher and Scholar.

Another cause to which failure of progress and lax discipline may be ascribed, was the introduction recently of a new system by the Board—viz.: every child was obliged to bring one penny per week to the master. This had the effect of keeping the children very frequently from attending, and of course naturally retarded progress and continuous order—for what was instilled one day was dissipated by absence on the next.

The note of Rev. George Schofield, per Secretary of the Board, annexed, with an affidavit of Mr. Webber, on the verity of his petition, will show to your honorable house that application for books, &c., had been made by the Teacher; and nothing appears to lead your Committee to believe that this application had been complied with.

The Committee, from all the facts which have come before them have no hesitation in arriving at the conclusion that the Board, though they have the right to dismiss any Teacher they choose under their jurisdiction, yet in the present case the Committee can discover nothing in the conduct of Mr. Webber in any respect which could justify them in dismissing him from their service; and to have done so without due notice, was a harsh and uncalled for procedure towards him and his large family, from which his long services as a Teacher ought to have shielded him.

Your Committee also append some fifteen declarations of the parents of the children under Webber's tuition—the whole of whom express their regret at his removal from the school, and the satisfaction he afforded

as regards the progress their children made under his scholastic supervision.

It now only remains for your Committee to commend the Petitioner to the consideration of the House, and to urge the adoption of a respectful address to his Excellency the Governor, soliciting his Excellency to grant unto the petitioner a sum of money sufficient to compensate him for the loss he has sustained in being removed from the service of the Government at a time when he had no suspicion of such a circumstance, with a character so far injured as to prevent him from obtaining other employment; and commend him to the teachership of some other school, paid out of the funds of the colony.

R. J. PARSONS,
Chairman.
GEO. J. HOGSETT.
GEO. H. EMERSON.

Committee-room,
30th April, 1853. }

For evidence accompanying, see *Appendix*.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor in accordance with the foregoing report.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House an abstract statement of the affairs of the Newfoundland Marine Insurance Company, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of his Excellency the Governor.

Document from Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Statement do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to them for their concurrence, entitled "An Act regulating the appropriation of Packet Postage in this colony," without amendment.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
12th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Currency Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for establishing the legal value of British and other Coins in this Colony, was read a third time, as engrossed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Passed and Titled.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for establishing the value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony.”

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Winsor do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Amendments of H. M. Council read third time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Bill for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl, and the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the St. John's Gas Company Incorporation Bill, were severally read a third time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Passed, and message to Council.

Resolved,—That the several Amendments on both Bills do pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs Little and Parsons do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Committee of whole on Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with one Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendment agreed to.

And the said Amendment having been read a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Bill

for the Increase of Representatives, be read a second time on Saturday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Ways and Means, to consider the propriety of imposing a duty on Spirits manufactured in this country.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table.

The Resolutions were then read by the Clerk and are as follow:—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a duty of 4½ pence sterling per gallon be levied and paid on each and every gallon of Spirituous Liquors manufactured, extracted, or distilled, in this island.

Resolved,—That the owner of any Distillery, or other person who shall manufacture any distilled Spirituous Liquors in this island, or in case any such Distillery shall be carried on by any servant having the care or management of the same, such owner, or servant, respectively, shall, on the first Monday in January, April, July, and October, in each year, render a just and true account on oath in writing to the nearest Collector or Sub-Collector of Customs, of the quantity of all distilled Spirituous Liquors manufactured, extracted, or distilled by him for the quarter last past.

Resolved,—That such owner, or servant, after rendering the said account, shall forthwith pay unto the said Collector or Sub-Collector, the said amount of Duty to be imposed on such distilled Spirituous Liquors, so manufactured, extracted, or distilled by him, during the quarter last past.

Resolved,—That such party should, at least six days before first commencing to distil, make affidavit or declaration before such Collector or Sub-Collector, that he intends so to distil; in which affidavit should be clearly described the locality of the premises wherein he purposes distilling, and also the name of the person who may have the right of property in such Distillery, and all matters and things relating thereto.

Resolved,—That all persons so distilling Liquor as aforesaid, omitting to make the said affidavit, or making a false one, or a false return, or

Time of 2nd reading of Amendments of H. M. Council on Representatives Bill.

Committee of whole on Ways & Means.

Resolutions reported.

refusing to account or pay such Duty, should be find for every such offence the sum of £50 and prevented from distilling for any period not less than six months.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that all such duties and fines when received should be appropriated to the benefit of the general Revenue of this island.

Resolutions agreed to.

And the said Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Notice for insertion of Resolutions.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that in committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill, he would move the insertion of the foregoing Resolutions.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 13th MAY, 1853.

Reports from deputations to present Addresses to Governor.

Mr. PARSONS, from the deputation to present the Address praying his Excellency to use his influence to procure a portion of the Copper Coinage now preparing for the Colonies, reported that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. HOYLES, from the deputation to present the Address praying his Excellency to advance the sum of £250, voted in support of the New York Exhibition, reported that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply therewith.

Mr. LITTLE, from the deputation to present the Address on the subject of the Delegation to Washington, reported that his Excellency had handed him the following reply:—

I shall be happy to transmit this Address of Thanks to the British Minister at Washington.

With respect to granting credentials to a Delegate from the House to proceed to Washington for the purpose of furthering their views on the subject of Reciprocal Trade between this Colony and the United States—that being a power of a kind which remains with the Supreme Authority, and is not delegated to the Governor, I am not empowered to comply with the request of the Honorable House.

Petition from Robert Pack and others, Conception Bay.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a Petition from Robert Pack and others of Conception Bay, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they had heard with alarm the report in circulation that the British Govern-

ment were in Treaty with the French Government for the transfer of Belle Isle in the Straits to the latter power. That such a proceeding would be ruinous to the Labrador Fishery; and praying that the House would adopt means to prevent the carrying out a measure fraught with consequences so disastrous to a large portion of the inhabitants of this Island.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill as engrossed, was read a third time.

Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BEMISTER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a further sum of money for establishing a Lunatic Asylum in St. John’s.”

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hoyles and Bemister do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

Speaker resumes Chair.

A Message from Her Majesty’s Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty’s Council brought down the following Message :

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty’s Council request a free Conference on the subject of the Bill entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges,” and have appointed Conferees on the part of this House to meet the managers from the Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
13th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolution for message to Council.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council agreeing to the conference requested by the Council upon the Amendments proposed to be made by them in and upon the Bill entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repairing of Roads and Bridges," this proceeding not be taken as a precedent on the part of the Assembly, consenting to Her Majesty's Council altering money appropriations in Bills sent up from this House.

Deputation named.

Ordered,—That Messrs Little and Hogsett do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Managers on part of Assembly named.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Hogsett, Hanrahan, and Bemister, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

Managers attend.

And the names of the managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Time for reporting named.

Mr. LITTLE reported that the managers had been at the Conference with Her Majesty's Council, and asked leave to report the substance thereof to-morrow.

Ordered,—That Mr. Little do report to-morrow.

Motion for adjournment.

Mr. HOGSETT moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That the House do now adjourn.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Motion, 6.

Against the Motion, 4.

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hanrahan

" Hogsett

" Bemister

" Parsons

" Hoyles

" Winser

" March,

" Benning

" Talbot.

Motion carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Accordingly the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 14th MAY, 1853.

At twenty minutes before three o'clock the names of members present

being taken down as follows: Mr. WINSER and Mr. HOYLES; Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Adjournment for want of a quorum.

MONDAY, 16th MAY, 1853.

At half-past two o'clock Mr. WINSER only being present, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, 17th MAY, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Bambrick and others, residents in the vicinity of Western Ships Room, River-head, and the same was received and read,—Praying for a grant to construct a Tank in that locality.

Petition from John Bambrick and others.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents:—

Returns for labor on roads for which provisions have been given at the following places:—Hearts Delight to Turks Gut, Fogo, Burin, Belle Isle, Change Islands.

Returns laid before the House.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message:—

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

JAMES CROWDY,
Presiding Member.

Council Chamber }
17th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Amendments of H. M.
Council on Inland Post
Bill read 1st time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to amend an Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts" were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the preamble of the Bill, 2nd line—Expunge the word "fifteenth," and insert "fourteenth" in its stead.

Expunge the 18th Section of the Bill.

Expunge the 19th Section of the Bill, and insert instead thereof as follows:—

"That the Postmaster at Placentia shall, upon the receipt of the mails from St. John's, assort the same, and put into mail bags to be kept for that purpose, all letters, periodicals, newspapers and publications addressed to the several parties residing in the respective places following,—In Oderin, Great Paradise, Little Paradise, Olivers Cove, Presque, Isle Valen and Merasheen; which mail bags shall be transmitted in the mail packet sailing from Placentia to Great Paradise, on her route to Oderin and Burin, at which place (Great Paradise) the mails for that place, for Olivers Cove, Presque, Isle Valen and Merasheen, shall be left in a Way Office to be established for that purpose: Provided always, that the said mail packet boat between Placentia and Burin shall, on her outward and return voyages from Burin, call at Oderin, and at Great Paradise, and on each voyage remain at Oderin one hour, and at Paradise one hour, and no longer."

At the end of the 20th Section of the Bill insert as follows:—

"And that the Postmaster-General shall have power to make the necessary arrangements for the conveyance from Little Placentia to Harbor Buffet, of the mail bags for Harbor Buffet, Burgeo, Barren Island, Woody Island, Sound Island, and the settlements adjacent, provided that the expense of such arrangement does not exceed the sum of

and that the Postmaster-General shall be at liberty to establish a Way Office at Harbor Buffet."

In the 21st Section, 2nd line—Expunge the word "Oderin," and insert "Paradise" in its stead,—and transpose the words "Isle of Valen" and "Olivers Cove."

"22nd Section, 3rd line—Insert at the end of this line "when such arrangement shall be necessary."

"22nd Section,—Expunge the 4th and 5th lines, and the first five words of the 6th line—and after "provided" in the 6th line expunge the word "further" and insert "always," in its stead.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading,

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had made some progress therein; and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Conferees on the part of the Assembly, appointed to meet the Conferees of Her Majesty's Council at the Free Conference on the Amendments proposed to be made by the Council on the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, reported as follows:—

The Conferees appointed by the House to meet the Managers on the part of Her Majesty's Council on the Amendments of the Council upon the Bill sent up by the House for "granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads and Bridges," beg to report that having heard the Reasons urged for the said Amendments, viz.—that no appropriation having been made by the Assembly for the Ship Harbor line of Road, it would be desirable to make some provision for it, as it leads through a wooded country, and would terminate at an advantageous outlet in Placentia Bay for communicating with the other western districts by water. That it would form an important road for Conception Bay as well as Placentia Bay, and a larger sum had been already expended on the Colinet line of road leading to Placentia than on the Ship Harbor line. Reference was also made to the necessity for a district appropriation for a branch road from Lance Cove to Renewse; and also for the road from Trinity to Bonavista.

Report of Conferees of Assembly on Road Bill.

The Conferees on behalf of the Assembly declared their conviction that the present state of the revenue could not afford any larger appropriation in the district of Placentia than that made in the Bill sent up for the concurrence of the Council; that the Colinet line of road unites the most populous and fertile parts of Placentia Bay with the capital of the island, and would insure the speediest and most convenient way for travelling between these places, while its terminus is the outlet to the other western districts. That the relative merits of the two lines running in the same direction were decided by the Legislature on several occasions,

and they therefore granted the larger appropriations for the completion of the Colinet line as the main line for that district. With reference to the district lines adverted to by the Managers on behalf of the Council, that the House were guided by the views of the members representing the district where these roads were located. The Managers on behalf of the Council were then informed, in reply to their inquiry as to whether the conferees of the Assembly had any proposition to submit, that the Assembly had consented to the conference with the view of satisfying the Council of the reasonable character of their views on this important subject,—not to consent to any alteration of their appropriations, which would recognise in any respect an infringement on their privileges.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to his Excellency the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause the quarter's salaries due the officers of the Board of Road Commissioners to be paid.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 1853.

Adjournments for want of a quorum.

At half-past two o'clock the names of members present being taken down as follows: Mr. HOYLES, Mr. BENNING, and Mr. WINSER; Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 19th MAY, 1853.

At twenty minutes to three o'clock Mr. WINSER being the only member present, Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1853.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House copy of a Despatch from the Se-

Secretary of State on the subject of Ocean Postage, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by Command of His Excellency the Governor.

Document from the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Despatch do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice that in Committee of the whole on Supply he would move the reconsideration of the vote to the District Surgeon at Harbor Grace.

Messages from Her Majesty's Council.

The Clerk to Her Majesty's Council, in the absence of the Master-in-Chancery, brought down the following Messages :—

Messages from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly for the concurrence of this House, entitled " An Act to amend the practice and to establish and fix the terms or sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, and to provide for the appointment of Registrars and other officers in the Northern and Southern Districts of this Island,"—with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

Her Majesty's Council have also passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled " An Act for granting a further sum of money to Her Majesty for establishing a Lunatic Asylum in St John's," without Amendment.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber }
19th May, 1853. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council request a second free Conference with the House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill entitled " An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, " and have appointed three Conferees on the part of this House to meet the Managers on the part of the Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber, }
20th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Amendments of H. M.
Council on Circuit Courts
Bill read 1st time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to amend the practice and fix the terms of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, were read a first time, and are as follow:—

Expunge the 6th Section of the Bill.

In the 8th Section—Expunge the 6th line and part of the 7th line, to the word “Courts,” inclusive, and insert in their stead “and shall.”

Do. 9th line—After the word “held” insert “a Docket, entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, of all causes tried, and other business done at such place during the term or sitting.”

Do. 12th line—Expunge “Books of Record,” and insert “Docket” in its stead—and after “Courts” insert “for the entry therein of the business of future terms or sittings.”

In the 9th Section, 5th line—After “process” insert “and Subpœnas.”

6th line—Expunge all the words after the word “Court,” in this line, to the end of the section.

In the 10th Section, 10th line—Expunge all the words after the word “therefor” in this line, to the end of the section.

In the 11th Section,

Insert at the end of this section as follows—“Provided that in actions *ex delicto*, to be commenced in the Harbor Grace Circuit Court, parties shall be at liberty to proceed according to the present practice of the said Court, but in any such case special matter may be given in evidence under the General Issue.”

In the 12th Section,

Expunge the last three words of the 16th line, and the first four of the 17th line, and insert the words “requiring the same” in place thereof.

In the 13th Section,

Expunge all the words after the word “and,” in the 2nd line, to the word “postponement,” inclusive, in the 8th line, and insert in their stead the words “all causes shall be liable to be tried on the day of the re-

turn of the writ, unless the Court or Judge shall otherwise order."

In the 13th Section, 9th line—At the end of this line insert "exclusive of Sundays."

In the 14th Section, 10th line—Expunge the words "Provided further that," and insert "and" in place thereof; and after "case" expunge "pending in the said Courts."

In the 14th Section 12th line—Expunge "that" after "but."

" 18th Section, 3rd line—Expunge "any," and insert "either" in stead; and expunge "respective," and insert "Northern or Southern" in place thereof.

In the 18th Section, 4th line—Expunge "any of the said Courts" and insert in place thereof "the Northern or Southern Circuit Court."

In the 18th Section, 5th line—Expunge all the words after "Summons" in this line, to the word "Summons" inclusive, in the 6th line.

In the 19th Section, 1st line—Insert after "proceeding" the words "in the said Northern and Southern Circuit Courts."

Expunge the 21st Section.

In the 22nd Section, 3rd line—Expunge the last four words of this line to the word "therein" inclusive, in the 4th line.

" " 5th line—Expunge "the" before "Registrars" and insert "such" in its stead, and after "Registrars" expunge the word "now" to the word "appointed" inclusive, in the 6th line.

" " 10th line—Expunge the last word of this line, and insert "a" in its stead.

" " 11th line—Insert after the word "Witness" the words "which Oath such Registrars are hereby authorised to administer."

" " 13th line—Expunge the last three words of this line, and the last four words of the 14th line to the word "also" inclusive, in the 16th line.

In the 22nd Section, 20th line—Expunge “Provided always that” and insert “and” in their stead; and after “Registrars” expunge all the words to the word “Act” inclusive, in the 21st line.

“ “ 22nd line—Insert after the word “yearly” the words “and oftener, when convenient opportunities offer.”

“ “ 27th line—Expunge the last word of this line.

At the end of this Section insert as follows:—“Provided also, that the Registrars appointed under the Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty, entitled “An Act to amend the practice and fix and establish terms or sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, and to provide for the appointment of Clerks and Registrars, and other Officers in the several Electoral Districts,” shall and may continue to act as such until appointments are made under the provisions of this Act.”

In the 24th Section, 3rd line—After the word “complaint” insert “verified by affidavit annexed thereto in the form or to the effect of the Schedule to this Act, marked F.”

“ 27th Section, 1st line—Expunge “for two years and thence to” and insert in their stead the word “until.”

“ “ 2nd line—Expunge the word “then.”

Insert after Schedule E the following, as Schedule F.

SCHEDULE F.

I, (A.B.) the Petitioner in the above written petition named, do make Oath and say that so much of the above written (or annexed) Petition as relates to my own Acts and Deeds is true, and so much thereof as relates to the Acts and Deeds of any other person, I believe to be true.

A. B.

Sworn before me, &c.

If the affidavit is made by an Agent, it must be varied by adding after the word “Petitioner” the words “the Agent of (C.D.)”

<i>Ordered</i> ,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.	Time of 2nd reading.
On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,	
<i>Resolved</i> ,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council consenting to the second free Conference requested by the Council upon the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this colony.	Message to Council.
<i>Ordered</i> ,—That Messrs. Parsons and Emerson do take the message to Her Majesty's Council.	Deputation to Council.
<i>Ordered</i> ,—That Messrs. Emerson, Parsons, Benning, Hayward, Winsler, and March, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.	Managers named.
And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned,	
Mr. PARSONS reported that the Managers had met the Committee of Conference on the part of the Council, who proposed to them that the Governor's sanction be sought to an additional grant of £500 for Road purposes, and that such sum be added to the amount of £1,100 appropriated for the road between Placentia and Salmonier, and that half the aggregate sum of £1,600 be given to the road between Placentia and Salmonier, and the other half to be expended on the Ship Harbor line of road.	Report of Managers.
On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,	
<i>Resolved</i> ,—That on to-morrow this House will enter upon the consideration of the proposition of Her Majesty's Council on the subject matter of the Amendments proposed to be made by that Body upon the Road Bill.	Resolution for consideration of proposition of Her Majesty's Council.
Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this colony and its dependencies, was read a second time.	Revenue Bill read 2nd time.
On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, seconded by Mr MARCH,	
<i>Resolved</i> ,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House to-morrow.	Time of Committal.
Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Postal Act Amendment Bill, were read a second time.	Amendments of Council on Postal Act Amendment Bill read 2nd time.
On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,	
<i>Resolved</i> ,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Amendments to-morrow.	Time of Committal.
On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,	

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Addresses to Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Petition of George Webber, (hereunto subjoined) and the report made thereon by a Select Committee appointed to investigate the subject matter thereof, beg leave most respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the facts and circumstances of the case into Your Excellency's consideration, and either to adopt the suggestions of the Select Committee, or otherwise to grant unto the Petitioner such relief as in Your Excellency's wisdom may seem meet ; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for any reasonable advance from the Treasury which Your Excellency may think necessary to this end.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsor.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In consequence of the rejection of the Road Bill by Her Majesty's Council in the last session of the Legislature, the amount expended by the Central Board of Road Commissioners did not afford a sufficient percentage to defray the ordinary expenses of the staff, and a quarter's salary remains due to the officers, which this House respectfully requests Your Excellency to defray, and this House will make provision therefor.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the accompanying Petitions of Ellen Foley, and Patrick Doughty, and the reports made thereon by the Select Committees appointed to investigate the same, respectfully beg leave to request that your Excellency will be pleased to grant to each of the said parties such sum of money out of the Treasury of this colony as will enable them to comply with the requirements of the law, in covering their houses with uninflammable materials, and this House will make provision therefor.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Hogsett.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1853.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to provide for the Increase of Representatives in the General Assembly, being read,

Order of day for 2nd reading of Council's Amendments on Representatives Bill read.

Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

That this House cannot assent to the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council on the Representation Bill; and that a Conference be requested with the Council on the subject of the said Amendments; and that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered thereat.

Motion in Amendment.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 6— Against the Amendment, 1—

- Mr. Little Mr. Hoyles.
Hogsett
Winsor
Hanrahan
Benning
Emerson.

Division.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered,—That Messrs Little and Winsor do form a Committee to pre-

Committee named.

pare Reasons to be offered at the Conference to be requested with Her Majesty's Council.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered at the Conference to be requested with Her Majesty's Council on the subject of the Council's Amendments on the Increase of Representatives Bill, reported as follows:—

Reasons reported from Select Committee on Representatives Bill.

The House of Assembly request a Conference with Her Majesty's Council on the Amendments made by them in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled, "An Act to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof." The House of Assembly dissent from these Amendments for many cogent reasons.

The necessity for an increase of Representatives being admitted by both branches for several sessions, a Bill based upon the principle of duplicating the present number of Representatives, and leaving the existing electoral districts untouched, was passed by the Assembly. The Assembly were induced to support a measure of that character by reference to its results in returning Representatives since the period of the formation of the Legislature. Our Representative Institutions were established in 1832. By a reference to the census it will be found that the denominational proportions of our population, of Protestant and Catholic, are nearly equal. In a community thus constituted considerable jealousy must naturally exist as to the distribution of political power, and on reference to the returns it will be found, that for a period of 20 years and five general elections, the number of Protestants returned was Thirty-nine and of Catholics Thirty-six—exhibiting results proving the fairness of the electoral divisions and of the apportionment of representatives; and when the constitution of the executive and legislative Council is considered, where, with one exception, the members are all protestants, the influence of the whole system must largely tend towards imparting undue political power to that denomination.

Notwithstanding these considerations, when the Assembly found that the Council invariably dissented from the principles of duplication and non-division of districts, they determined to pass a measure conformable in some degree with the sentiments of Her Majesty's Council. In their endeavour to arrive at a compromise, they took for their guidance in some respects the determination of the Executive Council during the period of the administration of Sir John Harvey. The Executive Council at that time considered it expedient to divide into sections the present electoral district of Conception Bay, leaving the other districts untouched. The Assembly in the Bill sent this session to Her Majesty's Council, acting on that precedent, divided the district of Conception Bay, with the concurrence of its 2 Catholic and 2 Protestant members, into five divisions, keeping in view two principles, first, that each division should contain a

population sufficient to prevent its dwindling into a mere mercantile nomination borough, and secondly, that the lines of division should be so made as that a fair proportion of representation should be secured for the two religious denominations. This will more fully appear by reference to an abstract from the census contained in the appendix, No. 1. On the subject of non-division in reference to the other districts, the Council and Assembly agree, with the exception of the district of St. John's. The Assembly hold that the necessity for division is alone created by the sense of inconvenience arising only in a populous and territorially extensive district. The district of St. John's is compact; roads intersect it in every direction; and the consequent facility of intercourse prevents the necessity of any division. The mode of dividing it suggested by the Council only proves the fallacy of attempting to divide it. The electoral district of St. John's extends from Cape St. Francis on the Northward to the Southern Head of Petty Harbor on the South: the capital, St. John's, as far as population is concerned, being, as nearly as may be, central. By the division contained in the Bill, as amended, a line is run East and West, so as to throw the Southern portion of the district into the Western division; and then a second line is run Northerly and Southerly to make Eastern and Western divisions, and half the representation is given to one of those divisions containing about one-third of the population of the whole district.

In all the other electoral divisions, the difference between the Council and Assembly resolves itself into one of apportionment of members to the several districts.

In apportioning members to the districts a regard has been had by the Assembly to these considerations:—First, the maintenance of the present relative adjustment of members, and the fairness of the results it has hitherto produced. Secondly, that the great body of the people, who are comparatively free of mercantile and official control, should have their due share of representation; while those districts that are peculiarly subject to such control should likewise have their fair proportion of members. And, Thirdly, that the two principal denominations should be represented, as nearly as possible, according to their relative numbers. In accordance with these considerations, the metropolitan district, the centre of our trade, and the wealth of the country—would only have one member for every 4,199 of its inhabitants. Trinity Bay would have one member for every 4,400, and some of the districts in Conception Bay would have one member for every 5,000; while the aggregate number for Conception Bay, the next in importance to the capital, would be one for every 4,000—a proportion which, like the sub-division of that Bay proposed by the House, met the concurrence of the Representatives of that important district.

Under the principle of duplication it is supposed that an equal number

of Liberals and Conservatives would be returned in that district; for the purpose of a compromise the Liberals were satisfied to forego one member. The principle of duplication has been adopted in all the districts but Conception Bay, and St. Mary's and Placentia; the Liberals give up one member in each of these districts. Bonavista would thus have one member for every 3,613, and Twillingate and Fogo one member for every 3,372, Ferryland one member for every 2,290, Burin one member for every 2,714; St. Mary's and Placentia, one of our most extensive and thriving districts, one member for every 2,160—and Fortune Bay, peculiarly under mercantile control, one member for every 2550 inhabitants. The result of this arrangement would likely be the return of 14 or 15 liberal members, and 13 or 14 conservatives: or 13 or 14 Catholics, and 14 or 15 Protestants; as will more fully appear by Table, No. 1. Now, when the Assembly come to consider the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council, they venture to say that all the principles that guided the Assembly, and which they consider cannot, for their fairness, be gainsayed, are departed from.

A reference to the annexed Schedule, No. 2, will show that these Amendments are calculated to secure the present sectarian ascendancy of the Episcopalian denomination in the Government of the colony, and to throw an undue proportion of the representation into mercantile hands, without affording a corresponding counterpoise to the popular will. For instance, the Catholic population of Conception Bay would only secure the return of one member out of seven—while three members are given to the district from Colliers to Bryants Cove, with a population of 8,538, being one for every 2,846, and only two members are given to the district from Bryants Cove to Crockers Cove, comprising a population of 10,236, and the two important towns of Harbor Grace and Carbonear; being only one member for every 5,118.—The present representation of the district of Trinity is trebled, having one member for every 2,933, and the representation of other districts that are particularly under mercantile and Episcopalian influence is doubled, while no increase is given to the liberal and Catholic districts of Ferryland and St. Mary's and Placentia, or to the district of Burin, where Episcopalian and mercantile influences have not always successfully prevailed in the return of members. It cannot be said that the Council's Amendments are based on population, as there is a marked disparity in the representation given to various districts. The Assembly are at a loss to ascertain on what principle they are based; no increase is given to St. Mary's and Placentia, with its population of 6,473, while two are given to Fortune Bay district, being one for every 2,350. All these Reasons induce the Assembly to conclude upon rejecting the Amendments of the Council.

No. 1.

PROBABLE RETURNS UNDER THE BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, AND SENT TO THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONCURRENCE ON THE 28TH MARCH, 1853,—ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS OF 1845.

	POPULATION.	PROTESTANT.	CATHOLIC.	MEMBERS.	
				P.	C.
St. John's district.....	25,196	6210	18,986		6
Conception Bay is divided into 5 districts, to return 7 members, viz:—					
Horse Cove to Cupids, inclusive..	6719	2611	4108		2
Port de Grave to Bay Roberts, do.....	4612	3806	806	1	
Spaniards Bay to Harbor Grace, do.....	6182	3698	2484	2	
Carbonear and Musquito, do.....	5070	2339	2731		1
Freshwater to Bay de Verds, do.....	5370	3929	1441	1	
Trinity district.....	8801	7518	1283	2	
Bonavista “.....	7227	5418	1809	2	
Fogo and Twillingate district.....	6744	5616	1128	2	
Ferryland “.....	4581	109	4412		2
Burin “.....	4358	2407	1951	2	
St. Mary's & Placentia “.....	6473	1018	5455		3
Fortune Bay & LaPoile “.....	5100	4708	392	2	
				14	14

Being 28 members—that is, 14 Catholics and 14 Protestants. But St. John's will likely return 1 Protestant, as it has always done, if not 2. Burin may return one Catholic, as it has sometimes done; and Ferryland 1 Protestant as it has sometimes done. The returns would then be 15 Protestants and 13 Catholics.

Conception Bay has generally returned an equal number of Protestant and Catholic members.

Trinity, Bonavista, Fogo, Twillingate, and Fortune Bay have always returned Protestant members.

Ferryland and Burin have returned Protestant and Catholic members at different times.

St. Mary's and Placentia district has, with one exception, returned Catholic members.

No. 2.

PROBABLE RETURNS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S AMENDMENTS ON THE REPRESENTATION BILL, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS OF 1845.

	POPULATION.	CATHOLIC.	PROTESTANT.	MEMBERS.	
				C.	P.
St. John's district to be divided into two districts.....	25,196	1,898	6,210	4	2†
Conception Bay to be divided into four districts, viz.: 1—Horse Cove to Colliers, inclusive.....	3,813	3,141	672	1	
2—Colliers to Bryants Cove do.....	9,574	2,216	A7,358		3
3—Bryants Cove to Crockers Cove do.	9,200	4,772	B4,428	1	1
4—Crockers Cove to Bay de Verde.....	5,440	1,441	3,999		1
Trinity Bay district	8,801	1,283	C7,518		3
Bonavista Bay " ...	7,227	1,809	D5,418		2
Twillingate and Fogo " ...	6,744	1,128	E5,610		2
Ferryland " ...	4,581	4,399	182	1	
Burin " ...	4,358	1,951	2,407		1
St. Mary's and Placentia " ...	6,473	5,455	1,018	2	
Fortune Bay and LaPoile " ...	5,100	392	F4,708		2
				9	17

☞ Shewing an aggregate of 26 members; 17 Protestants and 9 Catholics; to represent 46,983 Roman Catholics and 49,312 Protestants.

† Under the proposed sub-division of St. John's, the relative numbers of Catholics and Protestants cannot at present be fully ascertained, though there is no doubt of the return of two Protestants thereby.

A.—Of these 5371 are Episcopalians.
 B.—Of these 2192 are Episcopalians.
 C.—Of these 4753 are Episcopalians.
 D.—Of these 4684 are Episcopalians.
 E.—Of these 5007 are Episcopalians.
 F.—Of these 4640 are Episcopalians.

} which districts will return 14 members.

It is therefore clear that the Amendments of the Council would tend to perpetuate the present sectarian ascendancy of one denomination which exists in the Government, and that seems to be the basis of the foregoing proposed arrangement.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Report be adopted.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Winser do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council, requesting their concurrence in the Conference on the Increase of Representatives Bill.

Deputation to Council.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
21st May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges," were read a first time, and are as follow :—

Council's Amendments on Road Bill read first time.

In the 1st Section of the Bill, 9th page, 22nd line—Expunge the words "to and from Spaniards Bay to."

16th " 8th line—Insert at the end of this line "fifty pounds of which to be expended on the main road from King's Cove to Trinity."

21st " 8th line—Expunge "Seven hundred" and insert "three hundred and fifty" in its stead.

At the end of the 21st page, 1st Section—Insert "on the Ship Harbor road Five hundred and fifty pounds."

21st page, 16th line—Expunge the word "Four" and insert "two" instead thereof.

In the 1st Section of the Bill, 22nd page, 7th line—After “Renewse” insert “and Broad Cove.”

8th line—After “pounds” insert “of which Twenty pounds shall be applied between Renewse and Broad Cove.”

In the 3rd Section of the Bill, 4th line—Expunge “10th Vic., cap. 1, Section 23,” and insert in its stead “15th Vic., cap. 4, Sec. 41.”

In the 4th Section, last line—At the end of this Section insert “and from Conception Bay to Ship Harbor.”

“ 5th Section, 25th page, 6th line—After the word “Inspectors” insert “and approved of by the Board of Road Commissioners, under whose direction such valuation shall have been made.”

“ 6th Section, 25th page, 6th and 7th lines—Expunge the words “the said recited Act, or in this Act,” and insert instead thereof “this or any other Act.”

“ 8th Section, last line—Expunge the words “said recited” and insert “Road” instead thereof; and add at the end of this section “passed in fourteenth year of Her Majesty’s reign.”

Expunge the 10th Section of the Bill, and insert in its stead as follows:

“That it shall and may be lawful for the Chairman of any Board, on the requisition of two Commissioners, to call a meeting of such Board, and in the event of the absence of the Chairman from any meeting so called, any three members shall form a quorum, and the Commissioner whose name stands first in the warrant appointing the Board, shall be Chairman of such meeting.”

Expunge the 11th Section of the Bill.

In the 12th Section, 1st line,—Expunge the words “at least” and insert “within” in their stead.

2nd line,—After “notice” insert “in writing.”

5th line,—Expunge “without delay.”

6th line,—Expunge “negociable,” and all the words in this line after “accordingly” to “and” in the 7th line.

In the 12th Section, 9th line,—Expunge “an” and insert in its place “a negociable”—and expunge “their hands” and insert instead thereof “his hand.”

In the 13th Section, 6th line,—After “Secretaries” insert “Supervisor-General.”

Expunge the 14th Section of the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the foregoing Amendments, as they altered money appropriations, were in violation of the privileges of the Assembly, and could not be further entertained.

Amendments rejected.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Road Bill, and also move that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto.

Notice of Road Bill, &c.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message:—

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council accede to the Conference requested by the House of Assembly on the subject of the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill entitled “An Act to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island and to regulate the representation thereof,” and have appointed two Managers on the part of this House, to meet the Conferees of the Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council Chamber }
21st May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On table.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Winsor, Hanrahan, and Hogsett, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

Managers named.

And they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Mr. LITTLE reported that the Managers had met the Conferees on the part of the Council, and had complied with the request of the House.

Report of Managers.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill.

Committee of whole on Revenue Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had made some progress therein; and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Committee of whole on Amendments of Council on Inland Post Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Inland Post Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred, with one Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Amendment was then read by the Clerk a first and second time, and is as follows:—

Fill up the blank in the Amendment on the 20th Section with the words
"Fifteen pounds."

Amendment adopted.

And the said Amendment having been again read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Amendments, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Amendments of Council on Circuit Courts Bill, read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Bill to fix and establish the Terms or Sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, were read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Time of Committal.

Resolved,—That the Amendments be committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Orders of day discharged.

Ordered,—That the order of the day for the consideration of the Report of the Managers of the Free Conference with Her Majesty's Council on the Road Bill, be discharged.

Ordered,—That the order of the day for the Committee of the whole on the Bill to regulate the sale of Spirituous Liquors by wholesale, be discharged.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on Monday he would move the House into Committee of the whole on Ways and Means, to consider the propriety of increasing the duty on Spirits imported into this Colony.

Notice for Committee on Ways & Means.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that on the first day of next Session he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of the Seal Fishery.

Notice of Bill for Protection of Seal Fishery.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the Clock.

Adjournment of House on Tuesday Bill read 1st time.

MONDAY, 23rd MAY, 1853.

At twenty minutes to three o'clock the names of members present being taken down as follows: Mr. BENNING, Mr. WINSER, Mr. EMERSON, and Mr. HANRAHAN; Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Adjournment for want of quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads and Bridges, and the same was read a first time.

Road Bill read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto.

Suspension of rules.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message:

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to them for their concurrence, entitled "An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in

this colony," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
25th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly to regulate the legal value of certain British and other coins in this Colony, were read a first time and are as follow,—

In the title of the Bill, expunge the words "and other."

" first Section of the Bill, 1st line—Insert after the word "Sovereign," "and half Sovereign."

" " " 3rd line—Insert after the word "Shillings" "and 12 shillings respectively," and expunge the word "present."

Expunge the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sections of the Bill.

In the 6th Section of the Bill, 2nd line—Expunge the word "said."

In the 7th Section of the Bill, 1st line—Expunge the words "not herein enumerated, and now in circulation."

2nd line—After "shall" insert "while lawfully current in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland"—& after "exceeding" expunge "two pounds, ten shillings" and insert in place thereof "one pound, four shillings."

Expunge the 8th Section of the Bill.

In the 9th " " 8th line,—Expunge "two pounds" and insert "ten shillings" in lieu thereof.

10th line,—Expunge "for the Central District of this Island."

Insert as the Section preceding the last in the Bill, as follows:—

5th,—"That all payments to be made by virtue of any Deed, Bond, Contract, or Agreement, enter-

On Table.

Amendments of Council
on Currency Bill, read 1st
time.

ed into before the passing of this Act, shall and may be made in like manner as the same might have been made if this Act had not been passed."

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill for granting a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, be now read a second time.

Road Bill read 2nd time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Committee of whole on Road Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred without Amendment.

Report.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Engrossed.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges."

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Parsons do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act, were read a third time, as amended.

Council's Amendments on Postal Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the Amendments pass, and that the following Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council:—

Passed—and Message to Council.

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The House of Assembly acquaint Her Majesty's Council that they con-

cur in the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend an Act for the establishment of Inland Posts," and have inserted the words "fifteen pounds" between the words "of" and "and" in the fifth line of the 20th Section, to which Amendment they request the concurrence of the Council.

House of Assembly, }
25th May, 1853. }

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett and Parsons do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Ways and Means, to consider the propriety of imposing a duty of ninepence additional per gallon on Rum imported into this colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Resolution reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon which they had directed him to report to the House, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Duty on Rum imported into this colony shall be sixpence per gallon, in addition to the present rate of duty.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That the Resolution be adopted.

Notice for embodiment of Resolution in Revenue Bill.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that, in Committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill, he would move that the foregoing Resolution be embodied therein.

Committee of whole on Circuit Courts Bill Amendments.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to amend the practice and to establish the terms or sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, were committed to the whole House.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Amendments to them referred, and had passed the same without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the notice of motion for an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the reported cession of Belle Isle to the French, be postponed till Saturday next.

Postponement of notice of motion.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House Returns from the District of Placentia, of monies and provisions expended in affording relief to the laboring poor in 1852, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by Command of His Excellency the Governor.

Documents laid before the House by Mr. Speaker.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. Hayward,

Motion for committal of Revenue Bill.

That the Revenue Bill be now committed to the whole House.

Whereupon,

Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

That the order of the day be postponed till Friday next.

Amendment thereon.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Amendment, 5—

Against the Amendment, 4—

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles

“ Hogsett

“ Hayward

“ Winser

“ Emerson

“ Parsons

“ March.

“ Hanrahan.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Amendment carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to search the Journals of the Legislative Council, for the purpose of ascertaining what has been done on the Poor Bill, and Delegation Bill, sent up from this House.

Notice for Select Committee to search Council's Journals.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, soliciting his Excellency to cause to be laid before the House the several depositions taken before the Coroner's Inquest, lately held on the body of William Teehan, a fisherman, of Black Head Bay, found dead on the road to that place.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 26th MAY, 1853.

Amendments of Council on Circuit Courts Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to amend the Act for establishing the Terms or Sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, were read a third time.

Passed—and Message to Council.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett and Little do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Message from Governor.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The hon. Mr. Secretary Crowdy being admitted within the Bar, presented to the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Message read by Speaker.

The said Message was then read by the Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:—

KER B. HAMILTON,—

The Governor perceives from the Journals of the House of Assembly that although the Revenue Act now in force will expire three days hence, provision for the current expenses of the Government has not been made even at this late period of the year, and after the House has been in Session for four months.

The Governor therefore deems it his duty to request the House to consider the serious injury that must result from permitting any portion of time, at this season of the year, to elapse between the expiry of the present Revenue Act and the passing of another, thereby involving considerable loss of Revenue and Financial difficulty. The confidence of the public creditor would also be greatly shaken, should the Colony, for however brief a period, be without the usual Revenue Act.

The common good requires that the customary provision for maintain-

ing the public Institutions and credit of the colony, and for the necessities, should at once be made.

K. B. H.

Government House,
26th May, 1853. }

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on Privilege.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Committee of whole on Privilege.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. TALBOT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message:—

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in the amount, viz:—"Fifteen pounds," inserted by the Assembly in the blank left by the Council in the Amendments made by them, between the words "of" and "and" in the fifth line, on the 20th Section of the Bill, entitled "An Act to amend an Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts."

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council Chamber
26th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed

Resolutions reported,

the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read and are as follow:—

Whereas a Message has this day been received from His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, the Governor of this Island, which is a direct interference with the deliberations of this House, on the subject of the Revenue Bill now pending before this House.

Resolved,—That the said message is a manifest breach of the privileges of this House; and however anxious this House is to maintain a good understanding with His Excellency, this House cannot, with a due regard to the rights and privileges, which it is their sacred duty to uphold intact, permit this document to be recorded on their Journals, unaccompanied with the unequivocal expression of their opinion thereon.

Resolved,—That the course pursued by Her Majesty's Council on the important measures vitally affecting the public welfare which have been sent to them for their concurrence by the Assembly during the present session, has been the cause of protracting this session of the Legislature to the present late period, and obliged this House, in self defence, to withhold their prompt assent to a Revenue Bill.

Resolved,—That this House are most anxious to uphold the credit of this Colony, and would deeply regret any step that would impair it: but looking to the present state of the country, the amount of the public debt, and the demand on the public Revenue, they feel persuaded that nothing tends more to the destruction of that credit than the present system of Government, which is devoid of public confidence.

Resolutions adopted.

And the said Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, adopted by the House.

Order of day discharged.

Ordered,—That the order of the day for the second reading of the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Currency Bill, be discharged.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Select Committee to search Council's Journals.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to search the Journals of Her Majesty's Council in reference to their proceedings on the Poor Relief Bill, and the Delegation Bill.

Ordered,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House the several depositions taken before the Coroner's Inquest lately held on the body of the late William Teehan, a fisherman, of Black Head Bay, found dead on the road to that place.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. LITTLE.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 27th MAY, 1853.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address respectfully requesting that his Excellency will take into his serious consideration, and grant a small sum of money to provide for, the immediate relief of five several poor widows and twenty-one orphan children, occasioned by the loss of nine men on Tuesday the 17th inst., by the upsetting of a boat on her passage from Witless Bay to St. John's.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Harvey and Fox, and others, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they observe from the reports of the proceedings of the Assembly, that an additional duty of sixpence per gallon is about being imposed on Rum imported into this Colony. That they humbly conceive such an increase would give an impetus to smuggling, already carried on to a great extent, even at the present reduced rate. That the large amount of local distillation is of serious injury to the Revenue; and praying that while regulating the duty on Rum imported, a fair and equitable rate may be imposed upon spirits of all kinds manufactured here.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole upon the Revenue Bill.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from William J. Ward, Proprietor of the *Morning Post*, which was received and read,—Praying that the

Referred to Committee on
Revenue Bill.

Address to Governor.

Engrossed—and Committee
to present.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Petition from Harvey and
Fox, & others, St. John's.

Referred to Committee on
Revenue Bill.

Petition W. J. Ward, St.
John's.

amount of £151 4s. 9d., being loss sustained by him in publishing the reports of the proceedings of the late House of Assembly, may be paid him.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

Petition from J. Walker and others, Pearl Town.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Walker and others, of Pearl Town and Placentia road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the bridge over the South River, leading to Petty Harbor.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Denis Mackin and others, Con. Bay.

Mr. Hayward presented a Petition from Denis Mackin and others, of Conception Bay, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would be pleased to adopt such measures as may appear to them expedient in reference to the reported cession of Belle Isle to the French.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from P. Strapp and others, Con. Bay.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from Patrick Strapp and others, of Conception Bay, which was received and read, of a similar tenor to the foregoing.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from F. B. T. Carter.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from F. B. T. Carter, Esq., Solicitor to the late House of Assembly, which was received and read,—Setting forth,—That relying upon being continued in his situation by the present General Assembly, he had incurred considerable expense; and praying that his case may be favorably considered by the House, and some compensation made him for the loss sustained.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Contingencies.

Committee of whole on Revenue Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Revenue Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Amendment reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Amendments were then read by the Clerk a first time, and are as follow:—

Expunge the 2nd Section, and insert in lieu thereof—

II.—That from and after the passing of this Act, there be levied, collected, and paid, upon every hundred weight of Fish, salted, dried, or pickled, imported into this colony and its dependencies, the duty of Five shillings; and also, that there be levied, collected, and paid upon every gallon of Rum imported into this colony, the duty of Three-pence, in addition to the present duty of Nine-pence per gallon, now imposed thereon;—all which duties shall be respectively levied, collected and paid, in like manner, and under and subject to the like regulations and provisions as are expressed in the said first-recited Act, or any other Act of the Legislature of this colony providing for the collection and management of Customs duties.

VII.—And Whereas it is expedient to impose a duty on Spirits distilled in this island: Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid—that from and after the passing of this Act, a duty of Four-pence half-penny sterling per gallon shall be levied and paid on each and every gallon of Spirituous Liquors manufactured, extracted, or distilled in this Island.

VIII.—The owner of any distillery, or any other person who shall manufacture any distilled Spirituous Liquors in this island, shall, on the first Monday in January, April, July, and October, render a just and true account in writing to the nearest Collector, or Sub-collector of Customs, of the quantity of all distilled Spirituous Liquors manufactured, extracted, or distilled by him for the quarter last past, and shall thereupon make and subscribe before the said Collector, or Sub-Collector, the following Oath, which Oath he is hereby empowered to administer:—

I, A. B. do swear that the account which I have now rendered and subscribed, contains a just and true account of all the Rum, Brandy, Gin, Whiskey, and other distilled Liquors manufactured, extracted, or distilled by me, or any person or persons under me, or on my behalf, since the day of last past.

So help me God.

A. B.

Sworn to at this day of A.D., 185 , before me.

Collector or Sub-collector of &c., (as the case may be.)

IX.—And the said Owner, or any such person so manufacturing such Spirituous Liquors as aforesaid, after making and subscribing the above-mentioned oath, shall forthwith pay unto the said Collector the amount of duty hereinbefore imposed on such distilled Spirituous Liquors, so manufactured, extracted, or distilled by him during the quarter last past;

the said duty to be paid and appropriated in way and manner, and under the like regulations as duties are payable and appropriated by this or any other Act of the General Assembly now in force, relating to the importation of Spirituous Liquors in this island.

X.—If any person shall neglect to make affidavit of his intention to distil, as hereinafter mentioned, or to make such return as aforesaid, or shall make a false return of the quantity of distilled Spirituous Liquors, so manufactured, extracted, or distilled by him, or shall refuse to account for, or pay the amount of any such duty as shall then be due as aforesaid, such person shall, for each and every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of £100.

XI.—Any person who shall be convicted of having wilfully and fraudulently made a return short of the real quantity of such Spirituous Liquor so made by him, or by those employed by him, or who shall be convicted of having refused to account or pay at the times prescribed by Law, or who shall have delayed his return or payment for more than six days after the expiration of the quarter from that day whereon he last accounted, shall, on conviction thereof, over and above the aforesaid penalty, be held not entitled to distil for six months from and after the date of such conviction, under the penalty of Fifty pounds, for each and every day he or those employed by him shall so distil after such conviction.

XII.—Any person who shall hereafter manufacture, extract or distil any Spirituous Liquors in this island, shall (six days before he shall commence to do so) make affidavit before the Collector or Sub-collector for the district or place wherein he resides, of his intention so to distil, and shall also state in such affidavit the locality of the district wherein he intends so to distil, and also the name of the person who may have the right of property in such distillery, and the Liquors distilled or made therein, and all other matters and things relating thereto, which affidavit the said Collector or Sub-collector is hereby authorised to take from such party as aforesaid.

XIII.—That all Fines and Penalties mentioned in this Act, relating to the distillation of Spirituous Liquors within this Island and the duties imposed on such Spirituous Liquors by this Act, may be sued for and recovered with costs by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in Her Majesty's Supreme or Circuit Courts of this Island, and paid, one half to the person who shall inform and sue for the same; and the other half to the Treasurer of this Island, to and for the use of Her Majesty's Government therein.

Amendments agreed to.

And the Amendments having been read a second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto.

Rules suspended.

Ordered,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

And the Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to continue and amend an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hayward and Hogsett do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to Council.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 28th MAY, 1853.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to appropriate the amount voted in the last Session of the Legislature, for the laying out the grounds around the Colonial Building.

Notice of Address to Governor.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to grant a sum of money from the Treasury of this colony, to provide for the immediate relief of five poor widows and

Address to Governor.

twenty-one orphan children, left in great distress and destitution, through the loss of nine men on Tuesday the 17th inst., by the upsetting of a boat on her passage from Witless Bay to St. John's.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Parsons.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

Message from Council.

The Clerk to Her Majesty's Council, in the absence of the Master-in-Chancery, brought down the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to them for their concurrence, entitled "An Act to continue and amend the Act granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies"—without Amendment.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber }
28th May, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from the Hon. Mr. Secretary Crowdy, stating that His Excellency the Governor would attend in the Council Chamber this day at four o'clock, to give his assent to the Revenue Bill.

Message from Governor.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

At four o'clock, a Message was delivered by F. W. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, from His Excellency the Governor, commanding the immediate attendance of the House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Governor assents to Revenue Bill.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to give his assent to the the Bill entitled "An Act to continue and amend the Act

for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the Clock.

MONDAY, 30th MAY, 1853.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Wm. Thorburn and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from Waterford Bridge to the Topsail road, passing by the Lunatic Asylum.

Petition from W. Thorburn, &c.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOGSETT, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Fees chargeable on private Bills, presented the following Report:—

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
30th May, 1853. }

Report of Select Committee on private Bills.

The Select Committee appointed by your Honorable House to take into consideration the scale of Fees chargeable on private Bills, beg leave to report that they have considered the matter to them referred, and recommend that the following scale be adopted, and that the same be added to the Rules and Orders of the House:—

SOLICITOR'S FEES.

	Stg.
Drafting Bill.....	£ 2 2 0
Examining drafted Bill.....	1 1 0
Attending Bill during its various stages.....	1 1 0

CLERK'S FEES, AND CLERK ASSISTANT'S FEES.

	£0 6 8—Stg.	Stg.—£0 3 4
For every Petition.....	£0 6 8	Stg.—£0 3 4
“ every notice.....	0 6 8	0 3 4
“ each reading.....	0 6 8	0 3 4
“ 1st committal.....	0 6 8	0 3 4
“ every subsequent committal.....	0 3 4	0 1 8
“ engrossing per folio of 90 words each.....	0 1 0	0 1 0

" Sending Bill to H. M. Council..)	0 6 8	Stg.	0 3 4
" on Governor's as- sent	0 6 8		0 3 4

That one-half the foregoing Fees on private Bills returned from Her Majesty's Council with Amendments, shall be chargeable only on the respective stages through which the Amendments shall pass.

That one-half of the said Fees shall be chargeable on Bills originating with Her Majesty's Council, excepting therefrom the charge for engrossing and drafting.

That all other Fees not included in the foregoing scale shall be allowed and payable on the taxation of the Speaker.

That a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly by the applicant for any private Bill, prior to its second reading, to liquidate such Fees, according to the stages through which the Bill may pass. and that the balance remaining thereafter, if any, in the Clerk's hands, shall be repaid to the depositor of such sum of money as aforesaid, and should the aforesaid sum of Ten Pounds be insufficient to discharge the Fees due on any Private Bill, the applicant therefor shall pay the balance due to the Clerk of the Assembly immediately after the assent of his Excellency the Governor being given thereto.

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. J. HOGSETT,
H. W. HOYLES.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Adopted, &c.

Resolved,—That the Report be adopted, and be added to the Rules and Orders of the House.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 31st MAY, 1853.

Documents from the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House Returns of relief afforded the poor at Merasheen, Exploits Burnt Island, Keels, and from Renewes to Broad

Cove, for which labor has been given on roads—transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Report.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Mr. BEMISTER, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from E. Botterel and others, Wesleyans, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they had established a Training School on the Glasgow Normal system, and had brought out from Scotland competent Teachers. That their object in so doing was to secure a good education to their own children as well as those of other denominations, and also to have Teachers for other Schools throughout the Island. That after raising a large sum of money by private contribution and School Fees, they find themselves unable to defray the yearly expenses of the undertaking; and praying that a grant may be made in support thereof.

Education petition, St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE, 1853.

At a quarter before three o'clock, the names of members present being taken down as follows: Mr. WINSER, Mr. BENNING, Mr. HANRAHAN and

Adjournment for want of quorum.

Mr. HAYWARD; Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE, 1853.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor that he may request the Commissioners of Light Houses to authorise a competent person to survey the coast of this island during the ensuing summer as far as Twillingate, for the purpose of ascertaining the most eligible place for the erection of a Light House; and that a Report of such survey be made, and laid before the Legislature on the first day of next session.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE, 1853.

Petition from Bartholomew Dunphy.

Mr. HANRAHAN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Bartholomew Dunphy, of Holyrood, which was received and read,—Praying for compensation for land taken by the Road Commissioners in opening the Conception Bay main line.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from Jane Keith.

Mr. PARSONS, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Jane Keith, which was received and read,—Praying that compensation may be made her for ground taken to widen the streets of Harbor Grace.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice that in Committee of the whole on Supply he would move the re-consideration of the vote to the District Surgeon of Harbor Grace.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Report.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council request a Conference with the House of Assembly on the subject of the Bill entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education," and have appointed Conferees to meet the Managers on the part of the Assembly, in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council Chamber,
3rd June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. BEMISTER, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acceding to the Conference requested by Her Majesty's Council.

Message to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Bemister and Hanrahan do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Bemister, Hanrahan, Winsor, and Benning, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

Managers named.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Mr. BEMISTER reported that the Managers had met the Committee of Conference on the part of the Council, and had received from them the following Instructions:—

Report of Managers.

The Council have desired this Conference with the House of Assembly on the Education Bill, in order that the views of the Council may be made known to the House of Assembly on a subject of such grave importance, and one in which all classes of the inhabitants of this Island are so immediately and so materially concerned.

The Council are of opinion that the general Educational system now existing requires a thorough revision, and, in many particulars, substantial alteration.

The principle of sub-division of the Protestant portion of the Educational grant has, for several years, been contended for by the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, together with almost the whole of the Episcopalian Clergy, and many of the laity; and it has become evident to the Council that a combined system of Education can be satisfactorily carried out, only where all parties interested concur in such an arrangement. Without stating any other reason, the Council regard the dissatisfaction so manifested as sufficient to induce them to express their opinion that in any future Educational measure the principle of sub-division of the Protestant grant ought to be introduced.

The Council are of opinion that Funds provided by Legislative enactment for Educational purposes, should, as a general rule, be given only in aid of individual exertion—and that such aid should not, unless under some extraordinary circumstances of pecuniary disability, be permitted to supersede the necessity of Parental co-operation. Were this principle recognized, and, in all cases where possible, enforced, its effect would be to provide means for securing the services of competent Teachers—a desideratum which, under the present establishment, cannot, in a great majority of cases, be accomplished; and, whatever else may be determined on by the Legislature with reference to Education, unless measures be adopted and embodied in an Act for providing these, any Legislative interference would be comparatively valueless, and the appropriation of money for Education fail to accomplish those advantages which the Legislature desire to secure. The Council would therefore have gladly concurred in the appropriation of a sufficient portion of the grant to the establishment and support of Training and Model Schools, which they would have considered an economical expenditure, and one which, with regard to the future, would be attended with the most solid advantages.

The Council, impressed with these views, will pass the Bill now before them, with some immaterial Amendments, for one year; trusting that by next session a measure may be digested embracing these suggestions, and acceptable to all parties.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber }
3rd June, 1853. }

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council, brought down the following Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber, }
3rd June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council on the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education," were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the 2nd Section of the Bill,—Expunge all the words from the word "following" inclusive in the 13th line, 3d page, to the end of the Section, and insert in their stead "Presentation Convent Schools of the following places, viz:— One hundred pounds, Harbor Grace; One hundred pounds, Carbonear; Seventy-five pounds, Harbor Main; and Seventy-five pounds, Renewes.

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on Education Bill.

5th Section, 2nd line,—Expunge the words "for the time being" and insert in their stead "with the advice of the Council."

In the 5th Section, 11th line,—Insert between the words "nine" and "members," the words "or more."

12th line,—Insert after the word "England" "and as nearly as may be of the same proportion to the number of the Board as the number of the members of that Church bear to the number of Protestant inhabitants in that district."

In the 6th Section, 2nd line,—Insert after the word "Governor" the words "with the advice of the Council."

" 7th " 4th line,—Insert after the word "Governor" the words "with the advice of the Council."

" 8th " Expunge the last four words of this Section, and insert in their stead "in Council."

" 10th " 16th line,—Expunge the word "Burgeo" after the word "at" and insert "LaPoile" in its stead.

16th line,—Insert after "LaPoile" and before the word "and" the words "Provided always that the Protestant Board for the District of Placentia shall meet at Harbor Buffett," and at the end of this Section insert "or in case of the Chairman refusing or neglecting to call such meeting within three days after such requisition being delivered to him or left at his House, then such meeting may be called by such requisitionists."

" 15th Section, 4th line,—Expunge the word "Nunnery" and insert in its stead "Presentation Convent."

" 14th Section, last line,—Expunge the words "Grand Bank" and insert "Burin" in their stead.

" 17th Section—Expunge all the words from the word "following," exclusive, in the 2nd line, to the word "following," inclusive, in the 15th line.

" " " 16th line—Insert after the word "Arithmetic" the words "English Grammar," and after the word "required" the word "Geography"—and add at the end of the Section as follows:—"and further, that the authorized version of the Bible shall be daily used in such Schools."

In the 20th Section, 3rd line—Expunge the words "the most contiguous School," and insert in their stead as follows, "in any Church of England School—in any of the first class Schools."

In the 21st Section, 3rd line—Expunge the word “objectionable,” and insert in its stead “objected”—and after the word “to” insert the word “by.”

“ 23rd Section, 1st line—Expunge all the words after the word “force,” and insert in their stead the words “until the end of the next Session of the Legislature.”

Ordered,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. BEMISTER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the suspension of the Rules in reference to the foregoing Amendments.

Notice for suspension of Rules.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that in Committee of Supply he would submit the following Resolution for the consideration of the House:—

Notice of Resolution in Supply.

Whereas the Stipendiary Magistrate of Lamaline has ceased to reside therein, and it is deemed expedient that such office should be abolished—

Resolved,—That the said office be abolished, and that no further provision be made therefor in Supply.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message:—

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER—

Her Majesty's Council request a Conference with the House of Assembly on the subject matter of the Bill sent up to this House entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges,” and have appointed Conferees on the part of this House to meet the Managers on the part of the Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council Chamber,
3rd June, 1853.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Bemister, Hanrahan, Winsor, and Benning, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

Managers named.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Mr. HOGSETT reported that the Managers had met the Committee of

Conference on the part of the Council, and had received from them the following Instructions:—

Report of Managers.

Her Majesty's Council have sought this Conference with the House of Assembly to express their opinion that it would be desirable some appropriation should be made for the Ship Harbour line of Road, and the Council therefore request the concurrence of the House of Assembly in seeking the Assent of His Excellency the Governor to an additional grant for this Road of not less than Five hundred pounds.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber }
3rd June, 1853. }

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. BENNING,

Request acceded to.

Resolved,—That the request contained in the Report of the Conferees be acceded to, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them therewith.

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett and Benning do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE, 1853.

Amendments of Council
on Education Bill read
2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Education Bill were read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

Rules suspended.

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto.

Ordered,—That the Bill be committed to the whole House.

Committed.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred, without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be now read a third time.

And the Amendments were read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Passed—and Message to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs Hogsett and Hanrahan do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to Council.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the Clock.

MONDAY, 6th JUNE, 1853.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Message from Council.

MR. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges"—with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

JAMES CROWDY,
Presiding Member.

Council Chamber,
6th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Amendments on the above Bill were then read a first time, and are as follow :—

On Table.

In the 1st Section of the Bill 5th line—After the word "thousand" insert "five hundred."

" 7th page, 2nd line—Expunge the last four words of this line, and the whole of the third line, and insert instead thereof "on the Heavitree road, leading from the Bay of Bulls road,

Amendments of Council on Road Bill.

by the farms of Muggridge and others to the Deers Marsh."

In the 1st Section, 7th page, 6th line—Expunge the word "opposite," and insert "near" in its stead—and after the name "Thomas" insert "to run through the Market House cove."

" " 22nd " At the end of this page insert "and further, the sum of Five hundred pounds to be expended on the Ship Harbor road."

" 4th Section—Insert at the end of this Section, and the Ship Harbor road."

Ordered,—That the Amendments be now read a second time.

Read 2nd time.

And the Amendments were read a second time accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be now read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

And the Amendments were read a third time accordingly.

Passed—and Message to Council.

Ordered,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Winser do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to purchase the steamer *Ellen Gisborne* for the protection of the Fisheries and other purposes, provided that the purchase does not exceed the sum of £——.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 7th JUNE, 1853.

Petition from John Stark, Harbor Grace.

Mr. HAYWARD, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Stark, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, setting forth,—That by the passing of the Act of the Legislature, abolishing the Registry of Crown Grants, he had been deprived of a considerable amount of his yearly income; and praying that a similar

amount to that voted him last year in consideration thereof may be granted him.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Presentment of the Grand Jury, on the state of the Signal Hill Gaol; and a Report of the Clerk of the Works of the Engineer Department, on the same subject; transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of his Excellency the Governor.

Documents from Governor.

For which see Appendix.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Report.

Ordered,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Deputation to present the Address praying compensation to George Webber for loss sustained by his dismissal from the Magotty Cove School, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would take the subject into his consideration:

Replies of Governor to Addresses.

That in reply to the Address praying compensation to Ellen Foley and Patrick Doutey for loss sustained by the operation of the St. John's Rebuilding Acts, his Excellency had been pleased to say he would lay the Address before the Council.

Mr. WINSER reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that he would be pleased to relieve the widows and orphans of the crew lost on their voyage from Witless Bay, had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. PARSONS reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause the depositions taken by the Coroners, on William Teehan, to be laid before the House,

had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 8th JUNE, 1853.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before the House a Return of all Tenders for the year 1852 and '53, on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries to the northward.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, 9th JUNE, 1853.

Adjournment for want of quorum.

At a quarter before three o'clock, the names of Members present being taken down as follows,—Mr. WINNER and Mr. EMERSON; Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

FRIDAY, 10th JUNE, 1853.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER—

Her Majesty's Council request a Conference with the House of Assembly on the subject of the last Conference on the Amendments made by the Council on the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof," and have appointed Conferees to meet the Managers on the part of the House of Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council, presently.

Message from Council.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council Chamber,
10th June, 1853.)

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acceding to the Conference requested by Her Majesty's Council.

Message to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little and Hogsett do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Little, Emerson, Hanrahan, and Winsor, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

Managers named.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Mr. LITTLE reported that the Managers had met the Committee of Conference on the part of the Council, and had received from them the following Instructions:—

Her Majesty's Council have requested this Conference on the subject of the last Conference on the Amendments made by the Council on the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the Representation thereof," for the purpose of setting before the Assembly the grounds and probable results of their Amendments.

Report of Managers.

The Council concurred with the House of Assembly in the expediency of increasing the number of Representatives in the latter branch; yet regarding the Representation, as at present constituted, unequally apportioned, could recognize no principle of justice in the mere act of duplication, which, in their view, would be simply to duplicate the evils already complained of.

It might have been expected that in the first division of the Island into Electoral districts, and in the absence of any authentic Census, mistakes would be made, as well in the extent and suitability of the districts, as in the number of Representatives to be assigned to each; and accordingly it is found that the district of St. Mary's and Placentia, with a scattered population of only 6,473 was assigned two members, whilst Fogo with 6,744, Bonavista with 7,227, and Trinity with 8,801, were assigned but one each; and the Council were of opinion that whenever the Legislature of the colony should undertake to legislate on the subject, these, and other irregularities should be corrected; and that, without regard to the numbers assigned under the disadvantage of such uncertain data, entire justice should be done to all parties, by an arrangement, *de novo*, graduated upon the number of inhabitants in each district.

It was with this feeling that, last session, the Council amended the Bill sent up on the duplicate principle by the House of Assembly, and adopted the following rule, viz.—to the two most populous districts, St. John's and Conception Bay, they assigned one member for every 4,000 inhabitants; and for the other districts, one for every 3,000, regarding fractions when they exceeded one-third, as whole numbers; and they had the satisfaction to perceive that the returns, upon this rule, would be proportioned to the respective numbers of Protestants and Roman Catholics, as will appear by a reference to the annexed table marked A.

In those Amendments the Conception Bay district was divided into four sections, and in such manner that the Protestant portion of the inhabitants, numbering 16,455, would be enabled to return four members; and the Roman Catholic portion, numbering 11,570 would return three members; in the propriety of which adjustment, though not in the divisions by which it may be accomplished, the Assembly appear to coincide.

The Council, understanding the Assembly were desirous of leaving the division of districts unaltered, waived any objection they might have on that score, and were surprised to find that an arrangement, in their judgment so unobjectionable, received from the Assembly so little consideration. To an impartial observer it would, perhaps, occur that the number assigned to St. John's, where reside so many of the Representatives of other districts, was too large, as tending to an undue increase of Metropolitan influence, and a system of centralization prejudicial to the out-ports. In England, how would it be endured that London should return to Parliament, in the like proportion, above 90 Members?

In the Bill of the present Session, the Assembly have departed from the duplicate system, and, without adopting any other of a tangible shape, profess maintenance of the present adjustment of Members (which, as above shown, is entirely unsustainable) and to be guided in other respects by what appear to the Council very undefined notions of freedom from

Mercantile and Official control, and representation of Protestants and Roman Catholics according to numbers, but without any specific rule ; for instance—to the two Roman Catholic districts of Ferryland and Placentia and St. Mary's, with only 10,843 inhabitants, they assign 5 Members, whilst to the three Protestant districts of Trinity, Bonavista, and Fogo, with 22,772, they assign but 6 Members. As to the thriving condition of the Placentia district, on which it is sought to justify this disproportion, it unfortunately happens that neither the Custom House returns, nor the absence of pauper relief from the public funds, afford any evidence of this.

The Assembly elsewhere profess to have taken for their guidance in some respects the rule suggested in Sir John Harvey's time ; but, by that rule, three members only were assigned for the two districts above mentioned, to which the Assembly now propose to give five members. The Council, in their Amendments to this Bill, have mainly been guided by that rule, from which they have deviated only in two instances—first, in assigning to the district of Trinity three members, a number to which, no less by its wealth, trade and population, than by its importance as the third district in the colony, it is justly entitled ; and, secondly, in dividing St. John's into two sections. The divisions of Conception Bay are precisely those of the rule referred to, and, like the Amendments of last session, are calculated to enable the Protestants, with 16,455 to return 4 Members, and the Roman Catholics, with 11,570 to return 3 members. The Council would gladly have avoided any difficulty with that district by taking the round of the Bay, commencing at Horse Cove, or Bay de Verds, and dividing at every point where the number of 4,000 or 8,000 could be completed—but it was found that this would, in either case, yield too large a Protestant majority, and the Council felt that, however the divisions were regulated, they ought to be such that the return of 4 by Protestant, and 3 by Roman Catholic electors should not be doubtful. It was also thought unfair towards the wealthy and important Protestant section of Brigus to merge it in the Roman Catholic section at the upper end of the Bay, and thereby deprive it of any share whatever in the representation of the colony ; besides which there seems to be wanted at this point, a counterpoise to the otherwise overwhelming influence of Harbor Grace and Carbonear.

In dividing St. John's into two sections, the Council are sensible, as they conceive the House of Assembly will also be, that such division could not, by any possibility, be so made as to give the 6,210 Protestants the power of returning a single member ; but in this division the mercantile, fishing, and trading interests will be represented by the eastern section, and the agricultural interests by the western, and to each section is assigned the largest number of representatives given to any electors in the island.—The Council are at a loss to discover from what data the

Assembly infer so large an inequality of numbers in the two sections, since it is not indicated by the census; but supposing the assumption were correct, it must yet be admitted that the interests identified with the eastern section may well entitle it to be equally represented with the other.

The Tables in the Appendix marked respectively "B" and "C" exhibit what the Council believe, and, indeed, are almost sure, would be the returns under the Bill as sent up and under the Council's Amendments, and to which they beg leave to refer.

It is the Assembly who have taken the distinction between Protestant and Roman Catholic Returns, but the Council are far from denying that it ought to be regarded as a primary consideration in forming the basis of Representation for this Island; yet they are bound to remark that it is not into two, but into three denominational sections that the Representation naturally divides itself, viz., the Church of England, Roman Catholic, and Protestant Dissenters, each of whom have, in some respects, separate and distinct interests, which, indeed, the Assembly tacitly admit. The aggregate number of Protestant Members ought therefore to exceed the relative proportion of Protestant and Roman Catholic electors when the former are regarded as one Body.

The Council desires to be understood as not wishing to provide against the return of Roman Catholics by Protestant constituencies, or of Protestants by Roman Catholic constituencies: what they desire is, simply that each may have the power to return Members of their own choice, whether they be Protestant or Roman Catholic; and they do not hold it enough to be told that a Protestant has been returned for St. John's or any other district, unless that return had been of a member selected by the Protestants. Looking to what is advanced as the result of former elections, the Assembly are unquestionably in error. Fogo has not always returned a Protestant, and though it is true that, in each of the two first General Elections, St. John's returned one Protestant, it has since then returned none but Roman Catholics; at least those who have always been regarded, or have declared themselves such:—and as this district, as well as those of Placentia and St. Mary's, and Ferryland, have now become what the House of Assembly call nomination-boroughs, though not under mercantile or Official Control, it is not likely that either of them will ever again return a Protestant, or at least not one acceptable to the Protestant population.

The Council observe that the House of Assembly have introduced into the last Instructions to their Conferees, the appellations Liberals and Conservatives, applying the former to the Roman Catholics, and the latter to the Protestants. As these are, at best, mere titles of assumption or opprobrium, which, without affecting the question under consideration,

have a tendency to create unpleasant feelings, and parties are not generally deemed the more liberal because they choose to call themselves so, the Council think that in any future communications between the two Branches, such terms and all others of the like tendency had better be avoided.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber,
9th June, 1853. }

Table A.

PROBABLE RETURNS UNDER THE AMENDMENT'S PROPOSED BY THE COUNCIL TO THE BILL OF LAST SESSION.

	POPULATION	PROTESTANT	ROMAN CATHOLIC.	MEMBERS.	
				PROTESTANT.	ROMAN CATHOLIC
St. John's district.....	25,196	6,210	18,986		6
Conception Bay is divided into four sections, viz :—					
Between the district of St. John's and Brigus.....	3,987	760	3,230		1
Brigus inclusive to Bryant's Cove inclusive.....	9,390	7,263	2,127	2	
Bryant's Cove inclusive to Crocker's Cove Brook.....	9,200	4,428	4,772		2
Crocker's Cove Brook to Bay-de-Verde inclusive.....	5,449	3,996	1,451	2	
Trinity district.....	8,801	7,518	1,283	3	
Bonavista district.....	7,227	5,418	1,809	3	
Fogo district.....	6,741	5,616	1,128	2	
Ferryland district.....	4,370	169	4,201		2
Burin district.....	4,358	2,407	1,951	1	1
St. Mary's and Placentia district....	6,473	1,018	5,455		2
Fortune Bay and LaPoile district...	5,100	4,708	392	2	
	96,296	49,521	46,775	15	14

Being 29 Members—that is 14 for 46,775 Roman Catholics, and 15 for 49,521 Protestants, the Protestants being divided into four separate Churches.

Table B.

PROBABLE RETURNS UNDER THE BILL OF THIS SESSION,
AS SENT UP BY THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

	POPULATION	PROTESTANT	ROMAN CATHOLIC.	MEMBERS.	
				PROTESTANT.	ROMAN CATHOLIC
St. John's district	25196	6210	18986		6
Conception Bay is divided into 5 districts, to return 7 members, viz :—					
Horse Cove to Cupids, inclusive ...	6722	2614	4108		2
Port-de-Grave to Bay Roberts, do.	4612	3806	806	1	
Spaniards Bay to Harbor Grace, do.	6182	3698	2484	2	
Carbonear and Musquito do.....	5071	2340	2731		1
Freshwater to Bay de Verds do....	5439	3998	1441	1	
Trinity district.....	8801	7518	1283	2	
Bonavista district.....	7227	5418	1809	2	
Fogo district	6744	5616	1128	2	
Ferryland district	4370	169	4201		2
Burin district.....	4358	2407	1951	1	1
Placentia and St. Mary's district....	6473	1018	5455		3
Fortune Bay and LaPoile district...	5100	4708	392	2	
	96296	49521	46775	13	15

Being 28 Members—that is, 13 for 49,521 Protestants, and 15 for 46,775 Roman Catholics.

Table C.

PROBABLE RETURNS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL OF THIS SESSION.

	POPULATION	PROTEST'NT	ROMAN CA- THOLIC.	MEMBERS.	
				PROTEST- ANT.	ROMAN CATHOLIC
St. John's district to be divided in- to 2 districts.....	25196	6210	18986		6
Conception Bay to be divided into 4 districts, viz :—					
Horse Cove to Colliers, inclusive...	3183	672	3141		1
Colliers to Bryant's Cove do.....	9574	7358	2216	3	
Bryants Cove to Crocker's Cove, do.	9200	4428	4772		2
Crocker's Cove to Bay-de-Verd.....	5439	3998	1441	1	
Trinity Bay district.....	8801	7518	1283	3	
Bonavista Bay district.....	7227	5418	1809	2	
Fogo district.....	6774	5616	1128	2	
Ferryland district.....	4370	169	4201		1
Burin district*.....	4358	2407	1951		1
Placentia and St. Mary's district.....	6473	1018	5455		2
Fortune Bay and LaPoile district...	5100	4708	392	2	
	96296	49521	46775	13	13

Shewing the same number of Members for 46,775 Roman Catholics as for 49,521 Protestants.

* The present Member for Burin is Roman Catholic, and in two contested elections the Roman Catholics have prevailed.

Ordered,—That the said Instructions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Resolutions reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read and are as follow:—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Officers, as follow:—

The Clerk of the Executive Council, Two Hundred Pounds.

Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office, Four Hundred Pounds.

Keeper to the Secretary's Office, Sixty Pounds.

A Messenger at the Secretary's Office, Sixty Pounds.

The Colonial Treasurer, Five Hundred Pounds.

The Treasurer's Clerk, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *Provided* that the Treasurer shall pay into the Treasury any amount or salary he may receive as Cashier of the Savings' Bank.

The Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, together with Fifty Pounds to defray the salary of a Clerk Assistant; also Twenty Pounds for purchase of printed forms: *Provided*, that all fees and perquisites received, or that shall be received in or by virtue of the said Office, or in any way connected therewith, shall be accounted for, and paid over half-yearly to the Colonial Treasurer.

The Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Crier and Tipstaff of the Supreme Court, Sixty Pounds.

The Crier and Tipstaff of the Northern Circuit Court, Harbor Grace, Twenty Pounds.

Three Police Magistrates for St. Johns, Nine Hundred Pounds.

The High Constable at St. John's, Eighty Pounds.

Eight Police Constables for St. John's, Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds.

The Gaoler for St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in lieu of

Fees, which are to be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

The Gaol Surgeon of St. John's, Forty Pounds.

The Hospital Surgeon for St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The district Surgeon for St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and Fifty Pounds for procuring and supplying medicines.

The Physician of the Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Gaol Surgeon at Harbor Grace, Thirty Pounds.

The Gate-keeper at Government house, Twenty-six Pounds.

The Attorney-General, in lieu of all fees of office, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The Solicitor-General, in lieu of all fees of office, including all charges and fees for any person prosecuting for the Crown on the Northern Circuit, Two Hundred Pounds.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Thousand and Ninety-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Magistrates, as follow:—

A Magistrate for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Two Magistrates at Harbor Grace, Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds, that is to say—One Hundred and Thirty Pounds to the Senior Magistrate, and Two Hundred Pounds to the Junior Magistrate.

A Magistrate at Carbonear, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Trinity, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Bonavista, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate for Twillingate and Fogo, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Bay Bulls, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Ferryland, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at St. Mary's, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Placentia, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Burin, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Lamaline, Sixty-five Pounds: *Provided always*, that, as it is inexpedient to continue the said office; upon the death, resignation, or removal from Lamaline of Stephen O. Pack, Esq., the present incumbent, no further provision shall be made for the said office, but that the same shall be thereupon abolished.

A Magistrate at Harbor Briton, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Grand Bank, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Old Perlican, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Nine-hundred and Sixty-six Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Constables, as follow :—

One Constable at Petty Harbor, Twenty Pounds.

One Constable at Torbay, Twenty Pounds.

One Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty Pounds.

One Constable at South Shore, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Harbor Main, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Cat's Cove, Twelve Pounds.

Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Fifty Pounds.

One Constable at Bay Roberts, Twelve Pounds.

Three Constables at Harbor Grace, One Hundred Pounds.

Three Constables at Carbonear, Seventy-five Pounds.

One Constable at Bay-de-Verde, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Western Bay, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Hants Harbor, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Perlican, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Heart's Content, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at New Harbor, Twelve Pounds.

Two Constables at Trinity, Thirty-seven Pounds.

One Constable at Catalina, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Bonavista, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Tickle Cove, Twelve Pounds.

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- One Constable at King's Cove, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Salvage, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Greenspond, Twelve Pounds.
- Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-nine Pounds.
- One Constable at Exploits Bay, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Bay Bulls, Twenty-five Pounds.
- One Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Toad's Cove, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Brigus, South, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Cape Broyle, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.
- One Constable at Aquaforte, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Fermeuse, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Renewse, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Trepassey, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.
- One Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at St. Mary's, Twenty-five Pounds.
- One Constable at Oderin, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Merasheen, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.
- One Constable at St. Lawrence, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Lamaline, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Jersey Harbor, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Harbor Briton, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Hermitage Bay, Twelve Pounds.
- One Constable at Burgeo Island, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Spaniard's Bay, Twelve Pounds.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned outport Clerks of the Peace, as follow:—

A Clerk of the Peace for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Trinity, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Bonavista, Forty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Ferryland, Sixty Pounds,

A Clerk of the Peace at Placentia, Thirty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Britain, Thirty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Burin, Thirty-five Pounds. [Provided that all fees of office received by the said respective Clerks of the Peace shall be accounted for by them and paid over half-yearly to the Colonial Treasurer.]

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred and Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned outport Gaolers, as follow:—

A Gaoler at Harbor Grace, Ninety Pounds: Provided that all fees of office received by him shall be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

A Gaoler at Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Bonavista, Ten Pounds.

A Gaoler and Constable at Twillingate and Fogo, Ten Pounds.

A Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of

Two Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the ordinary expenses of Court Houses and Gaols.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Gaols.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Printing and Stationery.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Crown Prosecutions.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Coroners.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Fuel and Light for Public Buildings.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expense of Postages and other incidentals.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Judges and Officers on Circuit, (including Crown Prosecutions) that is to say: The sum of Two Hundred Pounds to defray the expenses of each Circuit, in full for Table money, and means of conveyance, and for payment of rent of any Court Rooms where Court Houses may not be erected: Provided that passages shall be allowed and provided on board of each vessel proceeding on the respective Circuits to such members of the Bar as may desire to proceed thereon.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Thousand Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the Relief of the Poor.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Lunatic Paupers.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of

One Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the relief of Shipwrecked Sealing Crews.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, Six-shillings and Eight-pence be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of Lighting St. John's with Gas.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Thirty-six Pounds and Ten-shillings be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of the men stationed at Fort Amherst.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards payment of Duties on Wines imported or purchased for the use of the Military.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the salary of the Keeper of the Colonial Building.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards payment of the expenses of carrying out the provisions of the Land Act.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the annual allowance to the widow of the late James Blaikie, Esq.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Forty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, as pension to Matthew Stevenson.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, as gratuity to Robert Connell for past services.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the salary of Robert Smith, as Constable at Greenspond.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the allowances of the following Ferrymen:—

To a Ferryman at Manuels, Ten Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Great Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Little St. Lawrence, Ten Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Salmonier, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman between Burin and Spoon Cove, Twenty Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Biscay Bay, Fifteen Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Portugal Cove, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Holyrood, Thirty Pounds; that is to say—for a boat to be stationed near Crawley's, on the south side, and a boat near Haly's, on the north side of the harbor, Fifteen Pounds each:

To a Ferryman at Aquaforte, Fifteen Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds.

To a Ferryman at Malbay, Twelve Pounds.

To a Ferryman at John's pond, North Harbor, and Salmonier, Thirty Pounds.

To a Ferryman between Belle Isle and Topsail, Twenty Pounds.

To a Ferryman between Harbor Grace and Thomas Fitzgerald's, on the north side of the Harbor, Twenty-five Pounds.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying Unforeseen contingencies.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the erection of a Pier at Belloram: Provided a similar amount in labour or lumber shall be first contributed for that purpose by the inhabitants of that place.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Forty-six Pounds, Six-shillings and Eight-pence, be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards repairing LeMarchant road.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards repairing and supporting the St. John's Hospital; out of which sum Four Hundred Pounds shall be appropriated towards the repairing of the said Hospital, and the remaining sum of One Hundred Pounds towards the support thereof: Provided such sum shall be in lieu of all dues collected from fishermen and shoremen.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of

One Hundred and Twenty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the erection of Hydrants in St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of James Silvey, an infirm person.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Eighty-six Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Fourpence, be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards compensating the St. John's and Carbonear Electric Telegraph Company for damage done the wires of that line: Provided always, that the sum granted by the Legislature in its last session for the protection of this line shall not be expended.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards compensating John Shaw, Chainman to the Surveyor-General, for extra services.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards paying the expenses of a survey for the construction of a Breakwater at Carbonear during the ensuing summer.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of the Dorcas Society at Carbonear.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of the Dorcas Society at Harbor Grace.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Seventy-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, as compensation to the widow of the late Harcourt Mooney, for expenses incurred by him in publishing proceedings of the Courts of Law.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards constructing a Breakwater at Bonavista.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the office rent of William W. Carter, Assayer of Weights and Measures.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards providing Weights and Measures for the whole Island.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for the Newfoundland Steam Company: Provided that the said Company shall run their Steam-boat once a week or once a fortnight between Conception Bay and the Port of St. John's during the months of June, July, August, September, and October; and, also, if deemed expedient by the Governor and Council and the directors of the said Company, that they shall run the said Steam-boat once a month from the first day of June to the first day of October, inclusive, between St. John's, Trinity, and Catalina.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Sixteen Pounds, Two-shillings, and Ten-pence be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, as compensation to William T. Parsons, for attending and repairing the Town Clock the past year.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of the Museum in connection with the Mechanics' Institute.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of the Reading-room and Library, St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of the Agricultural Society: Provided that the sum of One Hundred Pounds, part of the said sum, shall be expended for that purpose in the Outports of this Island.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and One Pounds, Fifteen-shillings, and Ten-pence be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the balance of last year's expenses of Lunatic Paupers.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Forty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards compensating the St. John's Water Company Fire Brigade and for providing and erecting two Hydrants therein.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of

Fifteen Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards sinking Wells and constructing Tanks at Bonavista.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards compensating David Rogers for extra services.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, as compensation to Joseph Woods, towards defraying the expenses of publishing an Almanac.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, to enable the Right Reverend Dr. Mullock to complete the wall and fence round the old Roman Catholic Burial Ground in St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company, towards defraying the expenses of lighting twelve Gas Lamps in that Town.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of keeping a Ferry-boat and Ferry at Mortier Bay.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of Miss Margaret Coyle, Teacher, St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for the Rector and Church Wardens of the Episcopal Church in St. John's, towards defraying the expenses of fencing and making a retaining wall round the old burial ground therein.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of fitting up the Lock-up-house in St. John's: Provided that the said sum shall be taken and appropriated out of the balance of the Market-house funds.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fourteen Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Ninepence, be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards paying a balance due to the Imperial Post Office.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of

Twenty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards compensating Patrick Ryan for a loss sustained by him by the falling of a rock.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards compensating the Stipendiary Magistrate at Twillingate, for extra services.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors towards defraying the expenses of the Night Watch in St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for James Tobin, Esq., late Stipendiary Magistrate of St. George's Bay, on account of compensation for the loss of that office, the same having been abolished in consequence of the inhabitants of that place not contributing any duties to the Revenue of the colony.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expense of the New York Exhibition.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Five Pence be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for monies advanced by him during the past year towards the relief of the Poor.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Forty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the erection of a Public Wharf at Point Verd, in Placentia Bay: Provided the inhabitants of that Bay shall first contribute a like sum for that purpose.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the Support of the Dorcas Society, St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds, be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of the Factory, St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the support of the Industrial department of the Orphan Asylum School at St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Thirty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards keeping and supporting the half-way house on the Salmonier road.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Thousand Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the relief of the Casual Poor of this island.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Four Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards the relief of outport Permanent Poor.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor (appropriated by Address during the present session) for the protection of the Fisheries on the coast of Labrador, and in the Straits of Belle Isle; which sum of money includes the unexpended balance of the sum appropriated by the Legislature in its last session for the said service.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, (appropriated by Address during the present session,) for the purchase of Seed Potatoes and Grain.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Thirty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, (appropriated by Address No. 62, during the present session) for the payment of certain Printing expenses connected with the Post-office establishment of this Colony.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, towards defraying the expenses of constructing Hydrants, Water Tanks, and Pumps, under the direction of the Honorable the Surveyor-General, as follow:—The sum of Sixty Pounds for the construction of Water Tanks and Pumps in Carbonear; the sum of Eighty Pounds for the like purpose in St. John's; and the remaining sum of Sixty Pounds for the construction of Hydrants therein: Provided that out of the said sum of Eighty Pounds, there shall be paid the sum of Ten Pounds to William Coyle, and a like sum to John Boggan, for Water Tanks constructed by them in St. John's.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors,

for Donald Bethune, Sub-Collector at Carbonear, in addition to his annual salary.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for James Winter, Sub-Collector at Fogo, in addition to his annual salary.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, to defray the salary of a District Surgeon for Conception Bay.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for Mrs. Keith, as compensation for Land appropriated to the public in Harbor Grace.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, for Bartholomew Dunphy, as compensation for Land taken by the Road Commissioners, to increase the width of the main Road from St. John's to Salmonier and Conception Bay.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, as additional compensation to second-class Tide-waiters at the Port of St. John's.

Ordered,—That the Report be adopted, and that a Select Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill in accordance therewith.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Hanrahan do form such Committee.

Mr. HOYLES, from the Select Committee appointed to Bring in a Bill in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony, for the year ending 31st December, 1853, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the suspension of the Rules of the House in reference to the passing of the Supply Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 11th JUNE, 1853.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a

Adopted.

Report of Select Committee on Supply Bill.

Time of 2nd reading.

Supply Bill read 2nd time. sum of money for defraying the Civil Expenditure of the Colony, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BENNING, pursuant to notice,

Rules suspended.

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto.

Ordered,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

Committee of whole on Supply Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Read 3rd time.

And the said Bill, being engrossed, was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. BENNING,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony for the year ending on the 31st day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three, and for other purposes."

Deputation to Council,

Ordered,—That Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Benning do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Notice of Message to Council.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on Monday next he would move that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting that they will be pleased to furnish this House with the amount of their Contingencies for the present session.

Notice for 2nd reading of Council's Amendments on Currency Bill,—and of Address to Queen.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Monday next he would move the second reading of the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Currency Bill: also, an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the reported cession of Belle Isle to the French.

Also, that on Monday next he would move that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the passing of all Bills and Addresses before this House.

Notice for suspension of Rules.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, stating that it was His Excellency's intention to prorogue the present session of the Legislature on Wednesday next at Two o'clock.

Mr Speaker informs House of Governor's intention to prorogue Legislature.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Resolved,—That the Address praying His Excellency to purchase a suitable Steamer for the protection of the Fisheries and other Colonial purposes, be referred to a Select Committee to report upon.

Address to Governor on purchase of Steamer referred to Select Committee.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Emerson, Hoyles, and Winser, do form such Committee.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the clock.

MONDAY, 13th JUNE, 1853.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Parker & Reid, which was received and read,—Praying compensation for loss sustained by them as Contractors for building the St. John's Market-house.

Petition from Parker & Reid, St. John's.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice,

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to Bills and Addresses.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from Messrs. Parker & Reid, claiming compensation

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for loss sustained by them as Contractors for the Market-house, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances therein set forth, and if found correct, to award Petitioners such an amount as, in Your Excellency's opinion, they are entitled to.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Parsons,

Mr. HOGSETT, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the propriety of purchasing the Steamer *Ellen Gisborne*, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed to report upon the purchase of a Steamer for the protection of the Fisheries, beg to report, that having taken the matter into consideration, they are of opinion that the funds of the colony are not at present in such a state as to warrant the outlay necessary for such an object, and they therefore suggest the propriety of adopting the measure provided for in the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor.

G. J. HOGSETT, *Chairman*.
G. H. EMERSON.
H. W. HOYLES.
P. F. LITTLE.

Committee-Room,
13th June, 1853. }

Ordered,—That the Report be adopted.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make arrangements for the hire of a suitable Steamer, with at least twelve hands, for the protection of the Fisheries on the Western and North-east Coasts of this Island, for the ensuing year ; to commence to the Westward on the 15th day of March and continue until the 1st day of June, and to the North-east from the 5th day of June to the 15th day of August.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Report of Select Committee on purchase of steamer.

Adopted.

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The service not to exceed the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Pounds, which must also include the services of a Superintendent, if necessary, and the stationing of a boat and crew at Cape John.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Emerson.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House detailed returns of all Tenders, respecting the protection of the Fisheries on the coast of this island and Labrador, received during the past and present year by the Executive ; and all such Reports as may have been made on any of such Tenders, or on any matters connected therewith, by Mr. Matthew H. Warren, or any other person or persons appointed for that purpose.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the hire of the schooner *Charles*, for the protection of the Fisheries this season.

Motion for Select Committee on Fishery Cruiser.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett, Winsor, Parsons, Little and Emerson, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency to di-

rect the Commissioners of Light Houses in this colony, to report by the next session of the Legislature on the most eligible site for the erection of a Light House either on the Turks Island, the Offer Wadham, or some other place in that locality that would be generally beneficial to Labrador vessels, and Sealers.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Little.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Message to Council.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting that they would furnish the House with the amount of their Contingencies for the present session.

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Hogsett and Emerson do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly, in its present session, passed a Bill "For establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this colony," which Bill Her Majesty's Council altered and contracted in its provisions in such a manner as to lead the House to fear that instead of extending the present circulating medium, or securing a permanent and plentiful supply of money in this colony, it might have a contrary tendency, especially if it were made a permanent Act, according to the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council.

The House of Assembly did not, therefore, deem it expedient to pass the Bill as amended, and they respectfully request Your Excellency to obtain the opinion of the British Government on the general Bill originally passed by the Assembly, a copy of which accompanies this Address, with the view of future Legislation upon this important subject during the next session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Adopted.

Resolved,—That the Address be adopted.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Message from H.M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1853, and for other purposes"—with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

ROBERT LAW,
President.

Council Chamber }
13th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending the 31st of December, 1853, and for other purposes," were read a first time, and are as follow:—

Amendments of Council on Supply Bill read 1st time.

Second page, 2nd line,—Expunge "Five hundred and twelve," and insert instead "One hundred and twenty-two."

Third page, 17th line,—Expunge "One hundred and fifty," and insert instead thereof "Ninety-five."

Ninth page, 15th line,—Expunge "Twenty," and insert instead thereof "Thirty."

Fifteenth page, 18th line,—Expunge "on account of," and insert instead thereof "in full."

" 19th line,—Expunge all the words of that clause after "office."

Eighteenth page,—Expunge the clause respecting the grant to Delegates.

Mr SPEAKER informed the House that the foregoing Amendments interfered with the privileges of this House, and could not be further entertained.

Amendments rejected.

Supply Bill read 1st time.

Mr. HOYLES, on leave granted, presented a Bill to defray the Civil expenditure of the Colony for the year ending the 31st December, 1853, and for other purposes, and the same was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. Emerson,

Time of second reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

TUESDAY, 14th JUNE, 1853.

Supply Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

Committee of whole on Supply Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with an Amendment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with one Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendment agreed to.

And the Amendment having been read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed—and time of third reading.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Passed and titled.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1853, and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Shea do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to Council.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :— Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of yesterday, requesting to be furnished with the Contingencies of the Council for the present session, that the Contingent Account of the Clerk of the Council amounts to Two hundred and twenty pounds, and eleven pence; and that of the Usher of the Black Rod to One hundred and twenty-seven pounds, one shilling, and two-pence—and they have resolved that their Officers shall be paid for their services during the present session, as follows:—

	Sterling.
To the Clerk of Her Majesty's Council.....	£150 0 0
“ Master-in-Chancery.....	100 0 0
“ Usher of the Black Rod.....	85 0 0
“ Doorkeeper.....	45 0 0
“ Assistant ditto, and Messenger.....	20 0 0
“ The widow of the late Harcourt Mooney, Esq., Reporter of this House.....	50 0 0
“ Printer of the Reports of this House, Mr. W. J. Ward.....	50 0 0
“ Henry Winton, balance of account for printing Journals.....	27 14 3
For printing and binding Journals of the present ses- sion.....	120 0 0
For the purchase of 12 copies of a Lithographed plan of St. John's, with books of reference.....	20 16 0
To J. B. Cormack, for his services as Reporter during the absence of H. Mooney, Esq.....	10 0 0
For the purpose of providing necessary furniture for the rooms occupied by Her Majesty's Council...	200 0 0
To the Clerk of the Council, for the transmission of du- plicate copies of the proceedings of the Coun- cil to the Secretary of State, for the present session.....	10 0 0
To W.J. Ward, for having discharged the duties of Report- er since the death of Harcourt Mooney, Esq...	10 0 0

JAMES CROWDY,
Presiding Member.

Council Chamber,
14th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered,—That the said Message be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct the payment of the sum of Two Hundred Pounds by the Colonial Treasurer, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such outlay, to be applied in the following manner, viz:—One Hundred Pounds to the Rev. John Dalton, towards the payment of expenses incurred in the erection of the Roman Catholic Presentation Convent-school of Carbonear, which has been recently erected at considerable cost to the inhabitants of that town, but owing to adverse circumstances in their last seal fishery, the building is still in debt to an amount beyond that sum; being a free Poor-school, it is therefore peculiarly entitled to the consideration of Your Excellency: and the remaining sum of One Hundred Pounds, to the Rev. Mr. Botterel, towards the payment of expenses contingent on the establishment of a Wesleyan Training-school in St. John's, which has cost a considerable sum of money, for part of which the building is still indebted to private individuals.

The House of Assembly, in respectfully soliciting Your Excellency to cause both the said sums to be paid, would wish, at the same time, to avoid any ground for invidious distinction or partiality; and, therefore, they do not desire, and could not sanction, the payment of one without the other.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. March and Mr. Hanrahan.

Mr. HOGSETT, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Contingencies of the present session of the Legislature, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Select Committee appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into the Contingencies of the present session of the Legislature, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty to them referred, and recommend that there be paid :—

Report of Select Committee on Contingencies.

To the Speaker of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session, Two Hundred Pounds.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services, and for indexing and superintending the printing of the Journals during the present session, Two Hundred Pounds ; and Twenty-five Pounds for transmitting copies of Journals to the Colonial Office ; also, Fifty Pounds for extra services during the present session.

To the Clerk Assistant, for his services during the present session, One Hundred Pounds ; also, Twenty-five Pounds for extra services during the present session.

To the Solicitor, for his services during the present session, One Hundred and fifty Pounds ; also, Twenty-five Pounds for extra services during the present session.

To the Sergeant-at-Arms, for his services during the present session, One Hundred Pounds.

To the Door-keeper of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session, Forty-five Pounds.

To the Messenger of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session, Forty Pounds.

To the under-Doorkeeper of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session, Thirty-five Pounds.

To the Assistant Doorkeeper, Messenger, and Attendant of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session, Fifteen Pounds.

To the outer Doorkeeper, for his services during the present session, Fifteen Pounds.

To the Librarian of the Legislature, Fifty Pounds.

To John Higgins, for attending the fires in the Colonial Building the present session, Fifteen Pounds.

To the Reporters and Publishers of the debates of the House of Assembly, for their services during the present session, as follows :—

To James Seaton, One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds.

To Thomas Talbot, One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds.

To Fourteen Members of the House of Assembly (Speaker not includ-

ed) the sum of Seven Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds, being Forty-two Pounds each for four Members resident in St. John's, and Sixty-three Pounds each for ten Outport Members not resident in St. John's, for their attendance during the present session.

To the Proprietors of the *Patriot* press, for printing Bills and Miscellaneous Papers, during the present session, Three Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings.

To the Proprietors of the *Newfoundlander* newspaper, estimate for printing Journals and Appendix of the House of Assembly for the present session, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds; also, balance of account for printing Journals of last session, One Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds, Five Shillings.

To the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the contingent expenses of his office, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly upon Contingencies, Two Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Nine-pence; and to defray the contingent expenses of the Legislative Library, Forty-one Pounds, Seven Shillings, and One penny.

To the Sergeant-at-Arms, to defray the contingent expenses of his office, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly upon Contingencies, Eighty-three Pounds, Sixteen Shillings.

To the Chairman of the Committee of Audit, Fifty Pounds.

To the Chairman of the Committee of Supply, Fifty Pounds.

To F. B. T. Carter, Solicitor of the late House of Assembly, gratuity for past services, Fifty Pounds.

To Ambrose Shea, Esquire, for Auditing the Treasurer's Accounts, Fifty Pounds.

To Richard Perchard, for Returns furnished by him, Ten Pounds.

To William Freeman and Patrick Kough, for plans and services rendered in connection with the Penitentiary, Fifteen Pounds, Fifteen Shillings.

To W. J. Ward, for services performed in publishing Debates of the last General Assembly, Fifty Pounds.

To Joseph Woods, for publishing Reports, Fifty Pounds.

The sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds, Five Shillings, and Six-pence, to defray the following accounts:—

To Job, Brothers and Co., Sixty-four Pounds, and Nine-pence.

To William Freeman, Thirty-seven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and Ten-pence.

To Henry Dunn, Twenty-one Pounds, One Shilling, and Three-pence.

To Samuel Creed, Twenty-eight Pounds, Seven Shillings, and Eight-pence.

To William and Henry Thomas, Seven Pounds, Three Shillings.

To Robert Prowse & Sons, Eighteen Pounds, Eight Shillings, and Four-pence.

To Richard Hamlin, Twenty-two Pounds, Six Shillings, and Six-pence.

To Trehear & Co., Sixty Pounds, Six Shillings, and Ten-pence.

To Thomas McConnan, Seventy Pounds, Five Shillings, and One penny.

To the St. John's and Carbonear Electric Telegraph Company, Forty-six Pounds, Nineteen Shillings, and Eight-pence.

To Henry Winton, Thirty-three Pounds, Nine Shillings, and Six-pence.

To J. J. Graham, Forty-two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and One penny.

This amount to defray the Contingencies of Her Majesty's Council, per Message 14th June, Eight Hundred and Ninety Eight Pounds, Ten shillings, and Three Pence :—

To the Clerk of Her Majesty's Council, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

To the Master-in-Chancery, One Hundred Pounds.

To the Usher of the Black Rod, Eighty-five Pounds.

To the Doorkeeper, Forty-five Pounds.

To the Assistant ditto, and Messenger, Twenty Pounds.

To the widow of the late Harcourt Mooney, Esq., Reporter of this House, Fifty Pounds.

To the Printer of the Reports of this House, W. J. Ward, Fifty Pounds.

To Henry Winton, balance of account for printing Journals, Twenty-seven Pounds, Fourteen shillings, and Three-pence.

For printing and binding Journals of the present session, One Hundred and Twenty Pounds.

For the purchase of 12 copies of a Lithographed plan of St. John's, with books of reference, Twenty Pounds, Sixteen shillings.

To J. B. Cormack, for his services as Reporter during the absence of H. Mooney, Esq., Ten Pounds.

For the purpose of providing necessary furniture for the rooms occupied by Her Majesty's Council, Two Hundred Pounds.

To the Clerk of the Council, for the transmission of duplicate copies of the proceedings of the Council to the Secretary of State, for the present session, Ten Pounds.

To W. J. Ward, for having discharged the duties of Reporter since the death of Harcourt Mooney, Esq., Ten Pounds.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Adopted.

Resolved,—That the Report be adopted.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Select Committee on Contingency Bill.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill in accordance with the foregoing Report.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Emerson, Hogsett, and Shea, do form such Committee.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council, brought down the following Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1853, and for other purposes," without amendment.

JAMES CROWDY,

Presiding Member.

Council Chamber,
14th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Re-building Act Amendment Bill read first and second time.

Mr. PARSONS, on leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act for consolidating and amending the St. John's Re-building Acts, and the same was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment, and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day.

And the Bill being engrossed, was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass and be entitled "An Act to amend an Act for consolidating the St. John's Re-building Acts."

Ordered,—That Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed a Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the exportation of Bait from this colony to any Foreign Country, Power, or People," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

JAMES CROWDY,
Presiding Member.

Council Chamber,
14th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Bill brought down from Her Majesty's Council entitled "An Act to prevent the exportation of Bait from this colony to any Foreign Country, Power, or People, was read a first time.

Committee of whole on Re-building Act Amendment Bill.

Report.

Engrossed, and read 3rd time.

Passed and titled.

Deputation to Council.

Message from Council.

On Table.

Bill to prevent exportation of Bait from this Colony, read 1st time.

Rejected.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Bill could not be further entertained, as it interfered with the privileges of the House in the origination of penalties.

Contingency Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Mr. HOGSETT, from the Select Committee appointed to bring in a Contingency Bill, reported a Bill to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature, which, on leave granted, was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

Committee of whole on Contingency Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Engrossed, and read 3rd time.

And the said Bill being engrossed, was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature."

Deputation to Council.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Emerson do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Message from Council.

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend an Act for consolidating and

amending the St. John's Re-building Act"—with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

JAMES CROWDY,
Presiding Member.

Council Chamber }
14th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend an Act for consolidating and amending the St. John's Re-building Acts," were read a first and second time, and are as follow:—

Amendments of Council
on Re-building Acts
Amendment Bill.

Ninth line,—Expunge "fifteenth" and insert "fiftieth."

Add to the Bill the following proviso:—"Provided always, that neither of the said Roads shall be opened until the value of the land shall be ascertained and the cost approved by the Governor and Council."

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Passed, and Message to
Council.

Ordered,—That Messrs. Parsons and Little do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Legislative Library, presented the Report, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

Report of Select Committee
on Legislative Library.

The Committee of the Legislative Library beg to report that the Books and Appurtenances of the Library are in a satisfactory condition, the Librarian being careful and attentive to her duties.

The account of Contingent Expenses for the past year is annexed, amount £41 7s. 1d. stg., which the Committee respectfully recommend for liquidation.

The Committee would further recommend that the sum of One hundred pounds be placed at their disposal for the purchase of new books.

W. B. ROW, *Chairman.*
P. F. LITTLE.
A. SHEA.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Report of Committee of
Audit.

Mr. WINSER, from the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Public Accounts, presented the Report which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

The Committee of Audit, in making their Report to your Honorable House, cannot but complain of the neglect of the Executive in laying the Public Accounts before the House in such a tardy manner as to prevent a due examination into their contents ; and even up to this date, June 11th, considerable sums of money have been expended in the Outports in 1852, on the responsibility of the Governor, to relieve the distresses of the labouring Poor, that have not been accounted for.

But your Committee have been gratified by the improvement that has taken place in the keeping of the Accounts in the Treasurer's Office, by the efficiency of the clerk, who has arranged them in a most systematic order. This will be found a great convenience in future ; and for want of such arrangement much inconvenience was felt, and room was thus left for suspicion of the misappropriation of the Colonial Funds, where possibly there existed no real foundation.

Your Committee anxiously desire that all the officials in the colony, entrusted with the expenditure of Public Monies, should pay strict attention to Her Majesty's Instructions, viz. : " To take care that fair books of accounts of all receipts and payments of all monies be duly kept ; and in which books shall be specified every particular sum raised, or disposed of, together with the names of the persons to whom any payment shall be made."

The loss of the Road Bill, the last session of the Legislature, by the unconstitutional amendments of Her Majesty's Council, was felt in all parts of the island, and reduced a number of our industrious operatives to a state of pauperism ; and although at a late season of the year, 1852, sums of money were given on the responsibility of the Governor and Council, to give some employment to the able-bodied Poor ; yet, that money in general, in the Outports, being intrusted to persons not responsible to the Government, whose chief object was to relieve the distressed around them, they did not, in many cases, secure labour in return for the amount given in provisions. The roads in the Outports have not been benefitted to any valuable extent ; although the sum stated in the Treasurer's Account applied for this purpose, is considerably over £2,000, and for part of this expenditure, returns have not yet been received.

The amount expended in the district of St. John's is, by the returns received from the Poor Commissioners and from the Central Road Board, £1,499 sterling.

The amount of £782 7s. 5d., sent in provisions to the district of Conception Bay has been accounted for to the amount of £630 5s. 3d., leaving a balance of £152 2s. 2d. sterling, to be accounted for.

The amount of £505 9s. 4d., sent to Trinity Bay, has been accounted for to the amount of £484 19s. 9d., leaving a balance of £20 9s. 7d. unaccounted for.

The amount sent to Placentia and St. Mary's is £349 19s. 4d., and the returns of expenditure received £428 13s. 10d. sterling; how this can be accounted for your Committee cannot understand.

The amount sent to the district of Fogo is £249 3s., and the returns of expenditure £104 10s. 2d., leaving the balance of £144 12s. 10d. sterling to be accounted for.

The amount of £231 10s. 3d., sent to the district of Bonavista, has been accounted for to the amount of £129 7s., leaving £102 3s. 3d. sterling unaccounted for.

The amount sent to the district of Burin is £148 4s. 4d., and the expenditure by the returns £139 17d. 1d., leaving a balance of £8 7s. 3d. unaccounted for.

The amount sent to Ferryland district cannot be found to exceed £99 19s. 9d., notwithstanding returns have been received of the expenditure to the amount of £130 sterling.

The amount sent to Fortune Bay is £62 13s. 1d. sterling, which is at present wholly unaccounted for.

The Committee wish to draw the attention of the House to the expenditure under, and in carrying out, the Crown Land Act, which amounted in 1852 to the sum of £1,584 1s. 4d. sterling, while the proceeds of the lands sold and rents redeemed amount only to £930 9s. 4d.

The expenditure under the Postal Act, in the year 1852, amounted to £1,522 11s. 9., and the Postal Revenue £230 7s. 2d.

The Contingencies under the Road Act, 14th Vic., which were unexpended till 1852, amounted to £825 10s. 8d., but the expenditure, according to the Treasurer's statement, is £945 1s. 5d.

There appears to be a considerable discrepancy between the expenditure according to the Treasurer's statement under the Road Act, 14th Vic., in the district of St. John's, in the year 1852, and the Supervisor's statement for the same year.

Treasurer's statement for the district of St. John's.....	£667	15	8
Holy Rood to Salmonier	272	15	11
Salmonier to Placentia.....	207	0	3
Ship Harbor Road.....	767	9	5

	£1915	1	3
Supervisor's statement for the same.....	1994	0	6

The Treasurer's statement of the expenditure on the road from Salmonier to Placentia.....	207	0	3
Supervisor's statement for the same.....	£149	9	4

There is also a discrepancy in the statements under the heading of Wells and Tanks.

Treasurer's amount of expenditure.....	£384	13	4
Supervisor's amount of expenditure.....	323	3	7

In warrant 62 on Roads, there is a charge as paid James Douglas from 10 per cent. for levelling St. John's street, £39 9s. 7d., which appears to be exclusive of sums charged as contingencies.

In warrant 144, on sundries, a charge is made of paying J. B. Bulley, compensation in full..... £50 0 0
Paying Richard Perchard, compensation in full..... 30 0 0
and yet in warrant 146, five days afterwards, a charge of paying Richard Perchard for arbitration cases £20.

In warrant 194 a charge is made of paying Charles Crowdy, Private Secretary, £35 6s. 7d., after Mr. Rushworth had left Newfoundland, notwithstanding there is recorded a resolution of the House of Assembly, passed in 1852, declaring that the office should cease upon the death, removal, or absence from the colony of Mr. Rushworth, the previous incumbent.

In warrant 207 a charge is made of paying Joseph Noad, as arbitrator, £30, while the Committee are persuaded that it was not the intention of the Legislature that his salary should be increased for such service as devolved upon him as Supervisor of streets, or Arbitrator for the Government in matters relating thereto.

In warrant 211 a charge is made of paying John Byrne for conveying mail to Salmonier, £24 19s. 2d.

In warrant 219 a charge is made of paying William H. Mare for Poor at Twillingate, £65, for which no voucher or account was found in the warrant, and no returns have been received from Twillingate of its expenditure.

In warrant 210 a charge is made of paying George Simms for fuel and light, £3 9s. 4d., and in warrant 224, the same charge is made of £3 9s. 4d., for fuel and light.

And we have not been enabled to procure the Supervisor's General Statement of the Outport expenditure on Roads and Bridges for 1852, according to the Act of 14th Vic. The following statement is taken from the warrants for each district in the year 1852 :—

Conception Bay district.....	£1313	5	2
Trinity Bay ditto	411	3	2
Burin ditto	475	14	0
Bonavista ditto	702	15	8
Ferryland ditto	366	8	10
Fogo ditto	445	8	3
Fortune Bay ditto	396	18	0

Attached hereto is an Abstract Statement of the Treasurer's Cash Account for the year 1852, closing the 10th of January, 1853.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

PETER WINSER, *Chairman.*

P. F. LITTLE.

G. J. HOGSETT.

A. SHEA.

For document accompanying, see *Appendix.*

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Adopted.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee appointed to report upon the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a further sum of money for the erection of a Penitentiary in St. John's, presented the Report which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

Report of Select Committee on Penitentiary.

The Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the Bill brought in for raising a loan to complete the Penitentiary of St. John's, beg to report that they have taken the accompanying evidence on that subject, and would recommend that a copy of the evidence be transmitted to the Executive with a request that a plan may be arranged before the next session of the Legislature, under its direction, for the completion of the said building, so as to afford accommodation to the usual number of prisoners confined in the public gaol of St. John's, at a cost not exceeding

the sum of £4,500 in addition to the sum already granted for that purpose.

P. F. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

H. W. HOYLES.

R. N. PARSONS.

For Documents accompanying, see *Appendix.*

Adopted.

Ordered,—That the Report be adopted.

Notice of motion for appointment of Delegates to proceed to London.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the appointment of Delegates, to proceed to London to advocate Responsible Government, and Reciprocal Free Trade with Canada and the United States.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE, 1853.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance a further sum of £50 towards the expenses of the New York Exhibition.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Little.

Report of Delegate on Free Trade.

Mr. SHEA, as Delegate appointed by this House to proceed to Washington to advocate reciprocal Free Trade between this colony and the United States, presented the following letter, addressed to the Hon. the Speaker, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

ST. JOHN'S, JUNE 14, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Honorable the House of Assembly, that in conformity with the Resolution of the House passed on the 30th April, appointing me a Delegate to proceed to Washington to promote the views of the Assembly with reference to the question of Free Trade between the United States and this colony, I left St. John's on the 5th ulto. and lost no time after my arrival in the United States in placing myself in communication with those authorities from whom I could receive necessary information, and whose position enabled them to promote the views contemplated by my appointment.

"I found from the first that the opinion obtained that the people of Newfoundland had been adverse to an association with the other Provinces in the arrangements for Reciprocal Trade with the United States, and that to the position this colony had thus assumed was in some material degree attributable the want of success which has hitherto attended the proposals on this subject. A sufficient refutation of this opinion was found in the Resolutions of the Assembly passed in 1852 and reaffirmed in the present session by a unanimous vote; and having had with me copies of these documents, I caused them to be published in some of the leading public journals in New York, in order that the real and legitimately expressed opinions of the people of this colony might be made known on a subject so deeply affecting their vital and substantial interests. //

Her Majesty's Government appear to have favored this false impression regarding the desires of the people of Newfoundland; for, I was reliably informed that Mr. Crampton, the British Minister at Washington, was not authorised to assent to any proposal on this subject in which this colony should form a part. When we consider the Address passed the House in its last session, praying that Newfoundland should be included in any scheme for Reciprocal Trade which Her Majesty's Government might negotiate, and the reply to that Address laid before the House on the 23rd day of February last, it becomes difficult to understand the motives which led Her Majesty's Government to communicate a reply which certainly embodies no antagonism to our views, while the instructions to Mr. Crampton would appear to be of a totally adverse character.

It is not necessary to dwell on the injurious position that would be assigned to the colony by the effectuation of a scheme which would leave her excluded. I am happy in feeling assured that no such conjuncture need now be apprehended. I explained to Mr. Marcy, the Secretary of State, the importance to the United States of Commercial relations with a colony like this that draws all her supplies from abroad. I referred as well to the intimate connexion this Island is so soon to enjoy with the Great Republic by means of the Electric Telegraph now in progress, and

received from him, as well as from the President, the expression of opinion that Newfoundland must form a part of any arrangement that may be effected. Mr. Crampton, I doubt not, is now aware that the American Government will not again entertain the partial proposal that was before submitted ; and will, of course, advise Her Majesty's Government of this state of facts.

As far as my observations and inquiries extended, I am enabled to state that a very general desire exists in America for the settlement of the question, and the opinion prevails in the best informed circles that this result will be accomplished in the next session of Congress.

I am desirous to avail myself of the earliest moment to lay before the House these few general observations, the short time that intervenes between my arrival and the closing of the Legislature being, I trust, a sufficient reason for the delay of a fuller report, which I shall have the honor of submitting on a future occasion. I cannot, however, conclude this letter without adverting to the marked courtesy extended to me by Mr. Crampton during my stay at Washington, as well as to the valuable aid I derived from Mr. Andrews, the author of the celebrated Reports on Colonial Trade and statistics.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

A. SHEA.

The Honorable

The Speaker of the House of Assembly.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said letter do lie upon the Table.

Notices of Bills to be introduced next session.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on the first Monday after the opening of the next session of the Legislature, I will (D.V.) ask leave to bring in a Bill for the reduction of the Reserved and other Salaries ; also,

That in the next session of the Legislature, in the Committee on Ways and Means (D.V.), he will move that in all the Outports, where Deputy Collectors are appointed, and where the receipts of the Colonial Duties do not exceed £100 per annum, that the salaries of the Deputy Collectors be reduced and equalized with the Preventive Officers where such Preventive Officers are established.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on the first day of the next session of the Legislature he will move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the erection of a Lighthouse on the Offer Wadham island ; also,

That on the first day of next session he will move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the supply of Bait to the French by the inhabitants of this island.

Mr. SHEA moved, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

That Philip F. Little, G. H. Emerson, and Robert John Parsons, Esquires, be appointed Delegates from this House to Her Majesty's Government (any two to be competent to act) to urge the views of the Assembly as expressed in the Resolutions of the House passed during the present session, praying for the concession of Responsible Government, and also the establishment of Reciprocal Free Trade between the United States and this colony.

Motion for Delegates to proceed to England.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

For the Motion, 9.

Against the Motion, 1.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles

Division.

“ Shea

“ Hogsett

“ Winser

“ Talbot

“ Benning

“ Emerson

“ Hanrahan

“ Parsons.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. SHEA presented the draft of an Address to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

TO HIS GRACE, THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE DUKE OF
NEWCASTLE, HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Draft of Address to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,—

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg leave respectfully to inform Your Grace, that they have, during the present session, appointed Philip F. Little, George H. Emerson, and Robert J. Parsons, Esquires, members of their body, as Delegates, with power to any two of these gentlemen to represent to Her Majesty's Government the state of this colony, and the operation of its present system of government; its present fitness for Responsible Government, and the opinions and desires of the people on these subjects; and also upon the establishment of Reciprocal Free Trade between this colony and the United States of America.

The House of Assembly, desiring nothing more than justice for the people, and a fair opportunity of placing before the Imperial Government both sides of the question at issue between the local Executive and the people, in their true light, consented during the present session to an appropriation to defray the expenses of Delegates from Her Majesty's Council in this colony, and also from the Assembly; but this proposition was twice rejected by the Council.

The House of Assembly therefore resolved upon making this last appeal to the Parent Government for a reform of the political institutions of the colony, and a concession of its rights, as one of the most ancient and loyal dependencies of the British crown, rather than resort to measures in the Assembly of an extreme, though constitutional character, which existing circumstances would justify; but a feeling of confidence in Her Majesty's ministers and in the intrinsic merits of the principles which the Assembly have endeavoured to uphold, induced them to forbear adopting that course, in the hope that ere long their reasonable demands would be conceded.

They therefore trust that your Grace will give a favorable hearing to their Delegates, and upon a full consideration of the matters which they will deem it their duty to submit, Your Grace may be enabled to advise Her Majesty's Government to adopt such measures as will meet the views of the Assembly, and secure the harmonious working of the co-ordinate branches of the Legislature, by conferring upon the people of this colony a participation in such rights and privileges as have been granted to the neighbouring colonies, and are shown to be productive of the peace and prosperity of the people.

Ordered,—That the said Address be adopted and engrossed.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the foregoing Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Shea and Mr. Hogsett.

Ordered,—That copies of the Address to the Secretary of State for the colonies be furnished to each of the before-mentioned Delegates, to be personally presented by them.

Mr. LITTLE presented the draft of an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

Adopted and engrossed.

Address to Governor.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Copies of Address to be furnished Delegates.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address to the Queen.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in legislative session convened, beg leave most humbly to approach your Majesty with feelings of the most profound respect for Your Majesty's person and Government.

The legislature of this colony have recently brought under your Majesty's notice the important subject of our Fisheries, and have represented the serious evils to which they were and still are exposed by the operation of the Treaties which gave to France the right of fishing on the coast of this Island. The manner in which these treaties have been infringed upon by the subjects of France, has formed the subject of renewed complaint; and notwithstanding the precautionary measures recently adopted by Your Majesty's Government and the colony, to repel the aggressor on our treaty rights, they still manifested a desire to monopolise the best fishing grounds on the northern and southern coasts of this Island, and the Straits of Belle Isle, to the total exclusion of Your Majesty's subjects of this colony. Even during the present session, reports have just reached the Assembly that the French authorities on the western coast of this Island, have forcibly expelled British fishermen with their vessels from places along our Island coast where there is a concurrent right of fishing secured to the subjects of both nations.

That the staple trade of this colony has already been reduced to a ruinous condition, owing to the encroachments of the French, stimulated in their exertions by enormous bounties and all the succor that the Government of France can extend to its subjects in these fisheries.

Critical and precarious as our fishing privileges on the coast of this Island and in the Straits of Belle Isle have been thus rendered, and depressed as our staple trade has become through foreign competition, it is with surprise and alarm we learn that the French Government is now in treaty with Your Majesty's Government for the cession of Belle Isle in the Straits.

From its geographical position, that Island will always be regarded as a place of the greatest importance to the fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador; and being the Key to the Northern passage of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the possession of it by the Government of France would not only enable its subjects to ruin our fisheries in the Straits of Belle Isle, and on the Southern coast of Labrador, but would likewise give them a commanding position to control the navigation of that Gulf.

Regarding the ruinous effects resulting to this colony from the concession of the most valuable portions of its coast and its fisheries to France,

to subserve Imperial interests alone, without affording any reciprocal advantage to this Island, we humbly implore your Majesty not to permit any further portion of the coast thereof or of its dependencies to be granted to the Government of France, and as in duty bound we shall ever pray.

Address agreed to.

And the Address having been again read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of the cession of Belle Isle to the government of France, and which they respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Hoyles.

Mr. LITTLE, in accordance with the Resolution concurred in by Her Majesty's Council, praying for a loan of £50,000 from the Imperial Government, to be expended in completing the main lines of Road in this colony, presented the draft of an Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

TO HIS GRACE, THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,—

Draft of Address to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle.

Her Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly of Newfoundland most respectfully beg leave to state to your Grace, that if the Main Lines of public roads throughout this colony were completed, such would tend materially to develop its resources and advance its prosperity. In the absence of adequate means for that purpose, they fear that so desirable an ob-

ject cannot be attained for some years to come, unless assistance be received from the Imperial Government.

The better to accomplish this great public improvement, the Council and Assembly respectfully beg leave to solicit a loan of £50,000 from the Imperial Government, to be repaid with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding three and one-half per cent. per annum, within twenty years, by equal yearly instalments, and that the same shall form a charge on the revenue of this colony.

Ordered,—That the said Address be adopted and engrossed.

Adopted and engrossed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence in the foregoing Address.

Message to H.M. Council.

Ordered,—That Mr. LITTLE and Mr. PARSONS do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

A Message from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council beg leave to acquaint the House of Assembly, that taking into consideration the unusual length of the present session, and the consequent extra duties imposed upon the officers of this branch of the Legislature, and for the reason that the Assembly have made extra allowances to their officers, the Council have deemed it just to make the following allowances to the officers of this House in addition to their salaries :—

Message from H. M. Council.

To the Clerk of the Legislative Council	£25 0 0
“ Master-in-Chancery	25 0 0
“ Usher of the Black Rod	25 0 0
“ The Doorkeeper	5 0 0
“ The Assistant-Doorkeeper	5 0 0
“ The Usher of the Black Rod, to defray extra expenses of Messenger	3 0 0

And that the Council are also of opinion, that as an appropriation of £50 has been made for the payment of Ambrose Shea, Esq., a member of the House of Assembly, for auditing the Treasurer's accounts, a similar sum should be appropriated for the payment of the member of the Council who performed similar service ; and that as the Bill to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature is now before the Council, they request permission from the Assembly, without the same

being drawn into a precedent, to insert in the Bill a provision for these additional allowances.

ROBERT LAW,

President.

Council Chamber,
15th June, 1853. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE.

Message to H. M. Council.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acceding to the request contained in the foregoing Message.

Ordered,—That Mr. Shea and Mr. Little do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Messages from Her Majesty's Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following Messages:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Messages from H. M. Council.

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they concur in the Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, praying for a loan of Fifty Thousand Pounds, to be expended in completing the main lines of Road in this colony.

ROBERT LAW,

Council Chamber, }
15th June, 1853. }

President.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council beg leave to acquaint the House of Assembly, that taking into consideration the length to which the sessions of the Legislature usually run, and the arduous and responsible duties imposed upon the Council in its Legislative capacity; bearing likewise in mind that the Members of the House of Assembly are paid for their services in the Legislature; they are of opinion that in future Contingency Bills provision should be made for sessional allowance to the Members of the Council.

ROBERT LAW.

President.

Council Chamber, }
15th June, 1853. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature." Message from H. M. Council.

ROBERT LAW,

Council Chamber, }
15th June, 1853. }

President.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency to be pleased to direct all the public Officers of the colony entrusted with the expenditure of public monies, to furnish detailed accounts of the expenditure thereof for the current year, by the 31st December next, in order that the same may be laid before this House on the opening of the next session thereof, that the business of the Legislature may not in future be retarded for want of such returns.

Address to Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly (in conjunction with Her Majesty's Council) have passed the accompanying Address to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, on the subject of a loan from the Imperial Government to complete the main lines of road in this island, and which the House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency will forward to His Grace.

Address to Governor.

Engrossed, and Committee
to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Winsor.

Mr. LITTLE presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Draft of Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully inform Your Excellency that they have adopted the accompanying Report, and they beg to request Your Excellency to adopt such measures as may insure the formation of a plan for the erection and completion of the Penitentiary, on a reduced scale, according to the recommendation contained therein, at an amount not exceeding the sum therein stated, to be laid before this House in next session, with the view of justifying this House in granting a further sum for that purpose.

On motion that the Address be adopted, the House divided, when there appeared,

Division.

For the Motion, 3.

Against the Motion, 4.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hanrahan

“ Parsons

“ Talbot

“ Hoyles

“ Benning

“ Winsor.

So it passed in the negative, and

Negatived.

Ordered accordingly.

On motion of Mr. WINSOR, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, *Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding £50 for auditing the Public Accounts of the Treasurer for the current year, and this House will make provision therefor.

Engrossed, and Committee
to present.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winsor and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address to Governor.

The House of Assembly having resolved that the erection of the Penitentiary, for the present, be discontinued, respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate such a sum as may be necessary to pay off the present liabilities of the Commissioners, so as to avoid the sacrifice which would be involved in the sale of materials for that purpose, and the loss to the colony which would be thereby occasioned.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Little.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Mr. HOGSETT reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to procure a Steamer for the protection of the Fisheries, had been pleased to say he would take the Address into his consideration.

Replies of His Excellency to Addresses.

Mr. HANRAHAN reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to appropriate £100 in support of the Presentation Convent, Harbor Grace, and £100 in support of the Normal School, St. John's, had been pleased to say he would give the application his serious consideration.

Mr. HOYLES reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to reimburse the Penitentiary Commissioners for advances made by them, had been pleased to say the matter would have his serious consideration; and that in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to advance £50 in addition to the amount already voted for the New York Exhibition, His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

At 3 o'clock a Message was delivered by F. W. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the attendance of Mr. SPEAKER and the House in the Council Chamber.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Accordingly Mr. SPEAKER and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

An Act to remove doubts respecting the jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts in Newfoundland in certain cases.

Bills assented to.

An Act to amend an Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts.

An Act for regulating the appropriation of Packet Postage in this Colony.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the fifteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled an Act for the appoint-

ment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company.

An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the "St. John's Gas Light Company."

An Act to regulate the Election of Trustees of Land and Chattles for the Congregational Church in St. John's.

An Act to amend the practice and to establish and fix the terms or sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts; and to provide for the appointment of Registrars and other officers in the Northern and Southern Districts of this island.

An Act for the prevention of Trespass on private property in this colony.

An Act for the protection of the breeding of Wild Fowl.

An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the St. John's Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to amend an Act for consolidating and amending the St. John's Rebuilding Act.

An Act for granting a further sum of money to Her Majesty for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum in St. John's.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges.

An Act for the encouragement of Education.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government.

An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech:

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I am happy in being enabled, by the completion of the necessary public business, to relieve you, after a protracted session, from further attendance on your legislative duties; and I trust that the devotion of so much of your time to the public service will be found to have been conducive to the general good, and not disadvantageous to your private interests.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the Supplies you have granted for the support of the Civil Government of the colony; I shall take care that they are judiciously and economically appropriated.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

In closing this session, I have to congratulate you on the increased facilities you have afforded for the transmission of intelligence to all parts of the colony, by the passing of the Road and Postal Bills, and on the adoption of a measure for the establishment and support of Elementary Schools.

I have also to acknowledge, with satisfaction, the increased provision which has been made for the Poor, and the grant for the protection of the Fisheries. A proper regard for the necessitous, and the upholding the just rights of lawful industry, demand our attention, and reward the efforts made to maintain those principles.

I trust that when you re-assemble here, it will not be necessary, as it has been in this Session, to make an extraordinary appeal to your liberality on behalf of the labouring population; but that, in the intervening period, a bountiful Providence will grant success to the industrial pursuits of our people and not permit the blight to touch the fruits of the earth.

After which, the Hon. the President of Her Majesty's Council said:

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued till the 15th day of August, to be then here holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

JOHN STUART, *Clerk of the General Assembly.*

APPENDIX

Estimates and Public Accounts

ESTIMATE OF THE CHARGES OF DEFRAYING THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE OF THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND, FOR THE YEAR ENDING THIRTY-FIRST DECEMBER, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE

£19,532 16 8

A P P E N D I X .

Clerk in Charge, Treasury Office	200	0	0
Clerk of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts (including allowance for Assistant Clerk and for purchase of printing paper)	120	0	0
Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court	100	0	0
do do do Southern do do do	200	0	0
Chief and Tipstaff of Supreme Court	50	0	0
do do do Northern Circuit Court	20	0	0
Three Police Magistrates, St. John's	200	0	0
High Constable	50	0	0
Eight Police Constables	200	0	0
Garde, St. John's	150	0	0
Chief Surgeon, St. John's	40	0	0
Hospital, St. John's	150	0	0
District Surgeon, St. John's (including Medicines used)	200	0	0
Physicians of the Lunatic Asylum	200	0	0
Chief Surgeon, Harbour Office	50	0	0
Gate Keeper, Government Hosts Lodge	25	0	0
Attorney General's Fees	250	0	0
Deputy Attorney General's Fees	250	0	0
Supplementary Magistrates, &c., in the Outports, as per detailed statement	250	0	0
Unpaid Balance	£2,487	0	0

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PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF THE ABOVE SUM:—

Salary of the Private Secretary	£200	0	0
“ “ Clerk of the Council	200	0	0
“ “ Two Clerks in the Secretary’s Office	400	0	0
“ “ Office Keeper	60	0	0
“ “ Messenger	60	0	0
“ “ Colonial Treasurer	500	0	0
“ “ Clerk in the Treasurer’s Office	84	0	0
“ “ Clerk of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts (including allowance for Assistant Clerk and for purchase of print- ed forms)	420	0	0
“ “ Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court	200	0	0
“ “ Ditto Southern Ditto	200	0	0
“ “ Crier and Tipstaff of Supreme Court	60	0	0
“ “ Ditto Harbor Grace Court	20	0	0
“ “ Three Police Magistrates, St. John’s	900	0	0
“ “ High Constable	80	0	0
“ “ Eight Police Constables	360	0	0
“ “ Gaolor, St. John’s	150	0	0
“ “ Gaol Surgeon, St. John’s	40	0	0
“ “ Hospital Surgeon, St. John’s	150	0	0
“ “ District Surgeon, ditto, including Medicines, &c.	200	0	0
“ “ Physician of the Lunatic Asylum	200	0	0
“ “ Gaol Surgeon, Harbor Grace	30	0	0
“ “ Gate Keeper, Government House Lodge	26	0	0
Attorney General’s Fees	250	0	0
Solicitor General’s Fees	200	0	0
Stipendiary Magistrates, &c., in the Outports, as per detail annexed	4,176	0	0
Carried forward	£9,166	0	0

Brought forward.....£9,166 0 0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ordinary repairs of Court-houses and Gaols	£200	0	0
Gaol expenses	600	0	0
Printing and Stationery	500	0	0
Crown prosecutions	300	0	0
Coroners	200	0	0
Fuel and Light	450	0	0
Postages and incidentals	400	0	0
Circuits of the Judges	430	0	0
Relief of the Poor	4,090	0	0
Outport Permanent Poor	400	0	0
Gas Light Company	143	6	8
Lunatic Paupers	1,200	0	0
Shipwrecked Sealing Crews... ..	100	0	0
Clearing Snow from Streets of St. John's ...	100	0	0
Rent of Post Office	25	0	0
Military at Fort Amherst.....	36	10	0
Duties on Wines, Military Mess	50	0	0
House Keeper of the Colonial Building	60	0	0
Carrying out provisions of the Lands Act ...	300	0	0

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

Mrs Blaikie	£50	0	0
Matthew Stevenson	40	0	0
Robert Connell	10	0	0
Robert Smith, Constable, Greenspond	10	0	0
			110 0 0

ALLOWANCES TO FERRYMEN, &c., Viz:—

At Manuels	£10	0	0
Great Placentia	25	0	0
Little St. Lawrence	5	10	0
Salmonier	90	0	0
Burin and Spoon Cove... ..	2	0	0
Biscay Bay	15	0	0
Portugal Cove	25	0	0
North and South side Holyrood—£15 each	30	0	0
Aquaforte	15	0	0
Trinity	25	0	0
Malbay	12	0	0
John's Pond, North Harbor, and Salmonier	30	0	0
Belle Isle and Topsail	20	0	0
			262 0 0

SCHOOLS.

Commercial School, Great Placentia	40	0	0
“ “ Ferryland	50	0	0
“ “ St. Mary's	40	0	0
“ “ Jersey Harbor	40	0	0
“ “ Brigus	50	0	0
“ “ Trinity	50	0	0
Presbyterian School, St. John's	40	0	0
Unforseen Contingencies			500 0 0

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Public Accounts.

Detail of Salaries and Allowances to Stipendiary Magistrates, and Constables, Clerks of the Peace and Gaolers, in the undermentioned Outports, for the year ending the 31st of Dec. 1853.

OUTPORTS.	MAGISTRATES.			CLERKS OF THE PEACE.	CONSTABLES.		GAOL- ERS.	TOTAL.		
					No.	Salary.				
Petty Harbor					1	£20		£20	0	0
Torbay					1	20		20	0	0
Portugal Cove					1	20		20	0	0
South Shore					1	12		12	0	0
Harbor Main					1	12		12	0	0
Cats Cove					1	12		12	0	0
Brigus and Port-de-Grave	£150	0	0	£60	2	50		260	0	0
Bay Roberts					1	12		12	0	0
Harbor Grace	165	0	0	125	1	50	90 }	645	0	0
Do.	165	0	0		2	50				
Carbonear.	150	0	0	60	3	75		285	0	0
Bay-de-Verds.					1	12		12	0	0
Western Bay					1	12		12	0	0
Hants Harbor					1	12		12	0	0
Perlican					1	12		12	0	0
Hearts Content					1	12		12	0	0
New Harbor					1	12		12	0	0
Trinity	150	0	0	60	2	37	25	272	0	0
Catalina					1	25		25	0	0
Bonavista	150	0	0	45	1	25		220	0	0
Tickle Cove					1	12		12	0	0
Kings Cove					1	12		12	0	0
Salvage					1	12		12	0	0
Greenspond					1	12		12	0	0
Twillingate and Fogo	130	0	0	45	3	49		224	0	0
Exploits Bay					1	12		12	0	0
Bay Bulls	100	0	0		1	25		125	0	0
Witless Bay					1	12		12	0	0
Toads Cove					1	12		12	0	0
Brigus, South					1	12		12	0	0
Cape Broyle					1	12		12	0	0
Caplin Bay					1	12		12	0	0
Ferryland	100	0	0	60	1	25	25	210	0	0
Aquaforte					1	12		12	0	0
Fermeuse					1	12		12	0	0
Renewse					1	12		12	0	0
Trepassey					1	12		12	0	0
St. Mary's	130	0	0		1	25		155	0	0
Placentia	130	0	0	35	1	25	25	215	0	0
Little Placentia					1	12		12	0	0
Oderin					1	12		12	0	0
Merasheen					1	12		12	0	0
Carried forward	£ 1,520	0	0	£490	49	£845	165	3020	0	0

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DR.	BALANCE SHEET OF THE COLONIAL			
Customs Bonds, outstanding	£12,391 10 7
Ditto, (late Treasurer	25 6 0
Cash (in Treasury	2,113 13 2
Patrick Morris (late Treasurer, deceased) per account, folio 9	3,091 6 8
Brought forward				
Public Debt (as per contra) per account, folio 11				
			Assets	£17,621 16 5
			.....	111,712 1 4
RECAPITULATION				
			Total Debtors...	£129,333 17 9

I hereby certify that the foregoing Accounts are just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT CARTER,
Colonial Treasurer.

St. John's, Newfoundland }
The 11th day of January, 1853. }

Statement shewing the total amount of Expenditure for each particular service for the year ended 10th January, 1853; together with the sum voted, distinguishing the sum expended and the balance remaining, if any.

SERVICE.	Balance from last year.	Voted in the year 1852.	Total.	Sum Expended.	Balance remaining unexpended.
Agricultural Society	£150 0 0	£150 0 0	£300 0 0	£300 0 0	...
Artillerymen at Fort Amherst .....	...	36 10 0	36 10 0	36 5 0	£0 5 0
Archdeacon Bridge, towards the erection of School-houses .....	...	130 0 0	130 0 0	...	130 0 0
Bridge at head of Twillingate harbor	136 14 10	150 0 0	286 14 10	161 10 0	125 4 10
Breakwater at Lamaline	116 9 10	...	116 9 10	104 5 10	12 4 0
Ditto Oliver's Cove	80 3 0	75 0 0	155 3 0	145 15 11	9 7 1
Ditto Little Placentia .....	...	150 0 0	150 0 0	148 19 2	1 0 10
Ditto Toads Cove .....	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	...	100 0 0
Blaikie Sarah, pension .....	...	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	...
Birkett Thos., purchase of books for Burin Commercial School ...	...	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	...
Bethune Donald, in addition to annual salary as Sub-collector ...	...	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	...
Bacon Joseph, voted by Address of the House of Assembly in '52 ...	...	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	...
Bridge at Swains Island, district of Bonavista .....	...	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	...
Bishop of Newfoundland, towards the erection of a School-house in St. John's .....	...	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	...	1,000 0 0
Botterell Edmund Revd., towards building and repairing School-house .....	...	300 0 0	300 0 0	...	300 0 0
Civil and Criminal Prosecutions	104 14 7	300 0 0	404 14 7	332 18 9	71 15 10
Circuit Courts	15 9 2	400 0 0	415 9 2	405 7 10	10 1 4
Coroners .....	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	246 0 4	...
Crown Lands' Act .....	...	...	...	1,462 11 11	...
Carrying out provisions of Ditto .....	...	...	...	121 9 5	...
Court-houses and Gaols, ordinary expenses .....	...	200 0 0	200 0 0	119 0 7	80 19 5
Commercial School, Jersey Harbor	40 0 0	40 0 0	80 0 0	...	80 0 0
Ditto St. Mary's	40 0 0	40 0 0	80 0 0	30 0 0	50 0 0
Ditto Great Placentia .....	...	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	...
Ditto Ferryland	50 0 0	50 0 0	100 0 0	37 10 0	62 10 0
Ditto Brigus	50 0 0	50 0 0	100 0 0	...	100 0 0
Ditto Trinity .....	...	50 0 0	50 0 0	12 10 0	37 10 0
Clooney Patrick, compensation for land at River-head, St. John's	15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	...
Coyel Margaret, towards her support as teacher	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	...

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Connell Robert, pension	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0		
Cemetery, River-head, St. John's, balance of purchase money and for fencing	84	0	0	84	0	0	84	0	0		
Campbell James, voted by Address of the House of Assembly in 1852	...	...	30	0	0	30	0	0	30	0	0	...	...
Carbonear Grammar School, for painting and repairing School house	...	...	25	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	...	...
Carbonear Public wharf	300	0	0	300	0	0	26	0	0	274	0	0	
Debentures paid off	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,870	0	0	...	...
Dwyer Ann, distressed widow	...	...	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	...	...
Dorcas Society, St. John's	...	...	50	0	0	50	0	0	50	0	0	...	...
Ditto Harbor Grace	...	...	25	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	...	...
Ditto Carbonear	...	...	25	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	...	...
Duties on Wines for the use of the Military	...	...	50	0	0	50	0	0	50	0	0	...	...
Dalton John Rev., towards building of Carbonear Presentation Convent	...	...	130	0	0	130	0	0	130	0	0	...	...
Education Act, 14th Vic.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,087	6	1	...	...
" " 15th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,749	19	10	...	...
" " 14th " Protestant Central Board	446	13	4	446	13	4	446	13	3	0	0	1	
" " 14th " Roman Catholic ditto	271	6	8	271	6	8	271	6	8	
Earle William, for Eye-water supplied the public	...	...	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	...	...
Electric Telegraph Commissioners, extra expenditure incurred by them	61	18	3	22	18	0	84	16	3	61	18	3	22	18	0
Electric Telegraph protection	50	0	0	50	0	0	3	0	0	47	0	0	
Election expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	987	3	0	...	...
Employment of the Poor on Roads, Governor's responsibility	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,707	18	5	...	...
Fuel and light	450	0	0	450	0	0	442	13	3	7	6	9	
Ferrymen	...	...	262	0	0	262	0	0	262	0	0	...	...
Fisheries, protection at the Labrador	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	756	13	8	243	6	4	
Factory, St. John's	...	...	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	...	...
Finlay James, Assayer of Weights & Measures, office rent	...	...	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	...	...
Gaol expenses	26	1	4	600	0	0	626	1	4	559	16	8	66	4	8
Grammar School, Burin	70	0	0	...	...	70	0	0	70	0	0	...	...
Grist Mill, Harbor Grace	100	13	4	100	13	4	52	0	0	48	13	4	
Gas Light Company, St. John's	...	...	143	6	8	143	6	8	143	6	8	...	...
Greenspond, Lock-up House	50	0	0	200	0	0	250	0	0	50	0	0	200	0	0
General Protestant Academy Board in St. John's	200	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	
Gas and Water, Harbor Grace	200	0	0	200	0	0	200	0	0	

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Statement shewing the total amount of expenditure for each particular service for the year ended 10th January 1853 ; together with the sum voted, distinguishing the sum expended and the balance remaining, if any.—Continued.

SERVICE.	Balance from last year.	Voted in the year 1852.	Total.	Sum Expended.	Balance remaining un-expended.
Harbor Briton Court-house	200 0 0	£300 0 0	£500 0 0	£493 19 11	£6 0 1
Hogsett Aaron, allowance for making drain		16 0 0	16 0 0	16 0 0	
Holbrook Ruth, pension		30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	
Harbor Grace Streets				520 0 0	
Ditto Gas Light Beacon		100 0 0	100 0 0		100 0 0
Interest on Public Debt				5,652 8 10	
Keels, Street Act 12th Vic.				21 13 4	
Keith Jane		20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	
Lunatic Paupers	39 5 1	1,000 0 0	1,039 5 1	517 6 8	521 18 5
Light Houses				1,956 16 5	
Legislative Contingencies	15 0 0	4,852 19 11	4,867 19 11	4,866 19 1	1 0 10
Looms at Placentia		50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	
Law Society		25 0 0	25 0 0		25 0 0
Murphy John, compensation for land at Chapel's Cove,		20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	
Mooney Harcourt, publishing law proceedings		50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	
Mayne John, compensation for abolition of Burin Grammar-school		30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	
Mahony Michael, compensation for land taken at Cats Cove		12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	
Moore Lorenzo, compensation for past services as Hon'y Mgs'te.		25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	
Map of the Island of Newfoundland, voted by Address of the House of Assembly in 1851	50 0 0		50 0 0	50 0 0	
Mechanics' Institute, St. John's		50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	
Night Watch	100 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0
Newman Charles D., allowance in full for rent, &c.		95 0 0	95 0 0	95 0 0	
Nugent John V., ditto ditto		95 0 0	95 0 0	95 0 0	
Newell John, compensation for land at Bears Cove, Hr. Grace		12 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	
Norris James, ditto ditto River-head, St. John's		15 0 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	
Newfoundland Steam Company		500 0 0	500 0 0	500 0 0	
Outport Magistrates		2,460 0 0	2,460 0 0	2,395 0 0	65 0 0
Ditto Clerks of the Peace		560 0 0	560 0 0	560 0 0	
Ditto Gaolers		190 0 0	190 0 0	190 0 0	
Ditto Constables		966 0 0	966 0 0	966 0 0	

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Outport Permanent Poor	16	6	10	400	0	0	416	6	10	418	10	7	
Orphan Asylum School, St. John's, for industrial department	100	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	
O'Keefe Edward Rev., towards erection of Roman Catholic } Female School, Harbor Main	...	...	...	50	0	0	50	0	0	50	0	0	...	...
Printing and Stationery	39	17	7	500	0	0	539	17	7	529	7	7	10	10	0
Postages and Incidentals	33	2	11	120	0	0	153	2	11	93	10	1	59	12	10
Poor, £700, Governor's responsibility	11	9	3	1,000	0	0	4,011	9	3	4,711	9	3	...	...	...
Potatoes [seed]	227	0	0	...	...	...	227	0	0	127	15	2	99	4	10
Postal Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,522	11	9	...	...	...
Parsons William T., repairing and oiling Town Clock	...	...	...	25	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	...	...	...
Presbyterian School, St. John's	...	...	...	40	0	0	40	0	0	40	0	0	...	...	...
Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, St. John's	...	...	...	40	0	0	40	0	0	40	0	0	...	...	...
Plans of Outports	...	...	...	60	0	0	60	0	0	60	0	0	...	...	...
Portugal Cove Wharf, voted by Address of the House of As- } sembly in 1852	...	...	...	25	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0	...	...	...
Removing rock at Lear's Cove	...	...	...	15	0	0	15	0	0	15	0	0	...	...	...
Roads and Bridges, St. John's district	876	6	6	...	...	...	876	6	6	667	15	8	208	10	10
Ditto Conception Bay ditto	1,219	1	5	...	...	...	1,219	1	5	1,137	16	0	81	5	5
Ditto Trinity Bay ditto	407	16	11	...	...	...	407	16	11	363	10	6	44	6	5
Ditto Bonavista Bay ditto	794	8	7	...	...	...	794	8	7	641	12	0	152	16	7
Ditto Fogo ditto	456	9	3	...	...	...	456	9	3	406	17	6	49	11	9
Ditto Fortune Bay ditto	450	0	0	...	...	...	450	0	0	269	19	9	180	0	3
Ditto Burin ditto	546	8	11	...	...	...	546	8	11	449	12	11	96	16	0
Main Road from Holyrood to Salmonier	521	11	7	...	...	...	521	11	7	272	15	11	248	15	8
Ditto Salmonier to Placentia	258	3	10	...	...	...	258	3	10	207	0	3	51	3	7
Ditto Salmonier to St. Mary's	4	5	6	...	...	...	4	5	6	2	3	4	2	2	2
Ditto Toad's Cove to Renewse	402	17	4	...	...	...	402	17	4	338	16	6	64	0	10
On the Western Shore between Cape Ray and beyond For- } tune Bay	225	0	0	...	...	...	225	0	0	90	0	0	135	0	0
Ship Harbor Road	888	16	11	...	...	...	888	16	11	767	9	5	121	7	6
St. John's Streets, &c., £1,000, voted by Governor & Council	111	13	1	1,000	0	0	1,111	13	1	917	9	1	194	4	0
Contingencies Act, 14th Vic.	825	10	8	...	...	...	825	10	8	945	1	5	...	...	...
Portugal Cove to Topsail, voted by Address of Assembly	...	...	...	50	0	0	50	0	0	22	4	2	27	15	10
Torbay to Flat Rock and Pouch Cove, ditto	...	...	...	50	0	0	50	0	0	29	3	10	20	16	2
Saint John's to Topsail	...	...	...	19	10	0	19	10	0	11	9	10	8	0	2
Ditto to Portugal Cove } Voted by Governor	...	...	...	8	14	4	8	13	4	6	5	2	2	8	2
General repairs on Roads } and Council	150	0	0	150	0	0	98	5	5	51	14	7
Repairing Job's Bridge	70	0	0	70	0	0	45	18	8	24	1	4

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Statement shewing the total amount of Expenditure for each particular service for the year ended 10th January, 1853 ; together with the sum voted, distinguishing the sum expended and the balance remaining, if any.—Continued.

SERVICE.	Balance from last year.	Voted in the year 1852.	Total.	Sum Expended.	Balance remaining un-expended.
Roads and Bridges Acts, prior to 1850				£155 1 4	
Registration of Voters		£155 0 0	£155 0 0	77 16 8	£77 3 4
Repairing Court Houses and Gaols and other Public Buildings		500 0 0	500 0 0	232 4 9	267 15 3
Rocks at Quidi Vidi		25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	
Robinson Major, R. E., return of Duties on personal baggage		12 10 0	12 10 0	12 10 0	
Right Rev. Dr. Mullock, R. C. B., towards the completion of Presentation Convent		1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0		1,500 0 0
Shipwrecked Crews	£100 0 0	2,600 0 0	2,700 0 0	2,604 13 8	95 6 4
Salaries	70 0 0	5,050 0 0	5,120 0 0	4,951 16 1	168 3 11
Ditto— Special				2,493 15 0	
St. John's Rebuilding Act				336 17 1	
Shovelling Snow, voted by Address of the House of Assembly in 1852		100 0 0	100 0 0	85 5 10	14 14 2
Solomon W. L., rent of Post-office, St. John's		25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	
Shelly Walter, keeping half-way house, Salmonier		55 0 0	55 0 0	50 0 0	5 0 0
Stark John, compensation for loss under Registration Act		25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	
Silvey James, an infirm person		10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	
Statements for the Government of the United States		60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	
Stevenson Matthew, pension		40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	
Sons of Temperance, Harbor Grace		30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	
Saint John's Hospital, towards its support		100 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	
Ditto Water Company, removing Fire-plugs		200 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	
Ditto Library		25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	
School at Seldom-come-by		30 0 0	30 0 0		30 0 0
Smith Robert, constable, Greenspond, gratuity		10 0 0	10 0 0		10 0 0
Temperance Fire Company St. John's		40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0	
Trinity Public Wharf		20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	
Tide-waiters St. John's		60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	
Templeman Mary		75 0 0	75 0 0	75 0 0	

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Statement shewing the total amount of expenditure for each particular service for the year ended 10th January 1853 ; together with the sum voted, distinguishing the sum expended and the balance remaining, if any.—Continued.

SERVICE.	Balance from last year.	Voted in the year 1852.	Total.	Sum expended.	Balance remaining unexpended.
Unforeseen Contingences	£138 3 0	£500 0 0	£638 3 0	£251 2 1	£387 0 11
Wells and Tanks, £100 voted by Address of the House of Assembly.....	...	450 0 0	450 0 0	384 13 4	65 6 8
Woods Joseph, publishing Newfoundland Almanac	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	...
Winter James, gratuity for past services as Sub-Collector.	25 0 0	25 0 0	25 0 0	...
Wesleyan School-house, Carbonear	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0	...
“ “ Old Perlican	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	...
“ “ Black Head	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0	...
Wall around the old Church-yard.....	...	100 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	...
“ “ Roman Catholic Burial Ground	50 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	...
Wharf at Presque, Placentia Bay	10 0 0	10 0 0	...	10 0 0
	£ 10,839 19 6	37,953 7 11	48,792 7 5	69,441 12 4	8,864 2 4

Expenditure for the year £69,441 12 4
 Balance as per balance sheet 369 5 10
£69,810 18 2

Revenue for the year £56,018 9 11
 Balance from last year 13,792 8 3
£69,810 18 2

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE RECEIVED
INTO THE TREASURY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 10TH JANUARY, 1853.

FROM WHAT SOURCE.		AMOUNT.		
Customs .....	.....	£46,363	9	2
10 per cent. on St. John's Importations	.....	5,010	16	3
Light Duties ...	.....	2,381	3	0
Crown Rents, &c.	.....	930	9	4
Sheriff's Fees, Central District.....	.....	£96	4	3
Ditto Northern ditto .....	.....	70	9	5
Ditto Southern ditto .....	.....	10	14	4
			177	8
Clerk of Courts Fees .....	.....	350	12	8
Clerk of Peace Fees, St. John's.....	.....	£27	12	4
Ditto Brigus .....	.....	11	4	4
Ditto Harbor Grace .....	.....	14	11	6
Ditto Carbonear ...	.....	11	18	6
Ditto Trinity .....	.....	3	12	10
Ditto Bonavista.....	.....	1	0	6
Ditto Twillingate ...	.....	4	12	8
Ditto Ferryland ...	.....	2	7	2
Ditto Placentia .....	.....	0	3	0
Ditto Harbor Briton .....	.....	1	14	0
			78	16
Gaoler's Fees, St. John's .....	.....	2	13	2
Postal Revenue .....	.....	230	7	2
Licenses, St. John's .....	.....	£397	0	0
" Harbor Grace .....	.....	25	0	0
" Trinity .....	.....	20	0	0
" Ferryland .....	.....	2	10	0
" Harbor Briton .....	.....	9	0	0
			453	10
Fines and Forfeitures, St. John's ...	.....	£31	10	0
" " Harbor Grace	4	10	0
" " Ferryland	3	4	4
			39	4
			£56,018	9
Balance from last year	13,792	8	3
			£69,810	18
			2	

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LUNATIC ASYLUM.		Dr.	Cr.
1852.			
May 14.—To	paid H. W. Hoyles	£368 6 8	
Oct. 23.	“ Henry H. Stabb	161 9 8	
		<u>529 16 4</u>	
1853.			
Jan. 10.	“ Balance as per Balance sheet	2,970 3 8	
		<u>£3,500 0 0</u>	
1852.			
Aug 23.—By	Received from Joseph Shears, for Debentures issued at 5 per cent. interest	£1000 0 0	
Sep. 17.	“ Received from the Savings' Bank, for Debentures issued at 5 per cent. interest	2,500 0 0	
		<u>£3,500 0 0</u>	

MARKET HOUSE.		Dr.	Cr.
1852.			
Jan. 27.—To	paid Parker and Reid	£24 9 4	
Feb. 4.	“ Ditto	21 14 9	
March 24.	“ Ditto	20 0 0	
April 29.	“ Ditto	15 0 0	
June 9.	“ Ditto	61 9 0	
		<u>142 13 1</u>	
May 5.	“ St. John's Water Company	36 15 3	
June 22.	“ Patrick Kough	70 0 0	
Nov. 1.	“ Ditto	60 0 0	
		<u>309 8 4</u>	
1853.			
Jan. 10.	“ Balance as per Balance sheet	276 11 9	
		<u>£586 0 1</u>	
1852.			
Jan. 17.—By	Balance	£586 0 1	
		<u>£586 0 1</u>	

Dr.

SAVINGS' BANK.

Cr.

1852.			
Sept. 17—	To Debentures No. 3 to 5, issued under Penitentiary Act, for Savings' Bank, at 5 per cent. interest for sum borrowed by the colony	2,700	0 0
"	" Debentures No. 3 to 5, under Lunatic Assylum Act	2,500	0 0
1853	Jany. 10— " Balance as per balance Sheet ...	866	13 4
		<u>£6,066</u>	<u>13 4</u>

1852.			
June 30—	By received from the Governor on loan to the Colony	£866	13 4
July 1—	" Ditto ditto	2,600	0 0
5—	" Ditto ditto	866	13 4
12—	" Ditto ditto	866	13 4
Dec. 27—	" Ditto ditto	866	13 4
		<u>£6,066</u>	<u>13 4</u>

Dr.

ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY.

Cr.

1852.			
April 6—	To paid J. C. Toussaint, balance due him for rent, and injury done his house	£50	0 0
July 5—	" Paid J. V. Nugent, for sum due by late Directors, for rent &c.	12	2 8
Sept. 21—	" Paid C. D. Newman, ditto	3	7 4
		<u>£65</u>	<u>10 0</u>

1852.			
March 19—	By received from Hugh W. Hoyles, for Debenture issued favor 'Luce' cretia Hoyles	£65	10 0
		<u>£65</u>	<u>10 0</u>

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STATEMENT OF

DR.

1852.					
Jan. 17.	—To Balance	£103,718	14 8
27.	“ Debentures issued under the St. John’s Re-building Acts to the following parties :—				
	No. 310, favor C. F. Bennett, on the part of the heirs of the late Martha Young	.....	£156 0 0		
Feb. 9.	“ 312, favor Wm. B. Row, for Catherine O’ Bryan	.....	26 0 0		
Mar. 11.	“ 311, “ Philip Duggan, for estate of Duggan and Mahon	.....	60 0 0		
May 29.	“ 314, fav. George F. Bown.....	.....	34 13 4		
June 12.	“ 315 “ Nicholas Mudge, agent for Stripling’s estate	.....	39 0 0		
Aug. 11.	“ 316 “ James Brian	.....	86 13 4		
21.	“ 317 “ Edward Kielley	.....	130 0 0		
Sep. 2.	“ 318 “ Elizabeth Sheppard	.....	35 0 0		
Nov. 27.	“ 319 “ Jeremiah Lane	.....	49 16 8		
				617	3 4
Mar. 19.	“ Debenture No. 3, favor Lucretia Hoyles, issued under St. John’s Academy Act, 7 Vic. cap. 3, payable in 7 years at 6 per cent	.....	.....	65	10 0
	“ Debentures issued under Lunatic Asylum Act to the following parties :—				
Aug. 23.	“ Nos. 1 & 2, favor Joseph Shears	.....	1,000 0 0		
Sept. 17.	“ “ 3 to 5 “ Savings’ Bank	.....	2,500 0 0		
				3,500	0 0
	“ Debentures issued under Penitentiary Act 14th Vic. to the following parties :—				
Sept. 17.	“ Nos. 1 & 2, favor Sarah Gill Harris	.....	200 0 0		
“	“ 3 to 5 “ Savings’ Bank	.....	2,700 0 0		
Oct. 14.	“ 6 to 9 “ Ditto	.....	4,000 0 0		
20.	“ 10 “ William Tiller	.....	200 0 0		
1853.					
Jan. 7.	“ 11 & 12 “ Hugh W. Hoyles, and Richard Cake	.....	225 0 0		
				7,325	0 0
	“ Debentures issued under Harbor Grace Street Act 9th and 10th Vic. cap. 4., viz :—				
1852.					
Sept. 2.	No. 8, favor William Sterling	.....	95 6 8		
3.	“ 9 “ Emma Gaden	.....	35 0 0		
Dec. 4.	“ 10 “ James and Edward Aylward	52 0 0		
“	“ 11 “ Elizabeth Payne, and John Lampen	173 6 8		
				355	13 4
				£115,582	1 4

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PUBLIC DEBT ACCOUNT.

CR.

1852.—By the following Debentures paid off:—

Jan. 31.	—	No. 21, favor Savings' Bank Act 9th Vic.	1,000	0	0
Feb. 7.	“	19 “ Thomas Parker “ “	.....	1,000	0	0
Mar. 12.	“	33 “ Eleanor Little “ “	.....	345	0	0
	19.	“ 5 “ Lucretia Hoyles, Colonial Building Act	.....	50	0	0
May 17.	“	24 “ Mary Carter, Act 9th Vic.	.....	50	0	0
“	“	25 “ Thomas Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
“	“	26 “ William Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
“	“	27 “ David Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
“	“	28 “ Peter Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
“	“	29 “ Eliza Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
“	“	30 “ Kenneth Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
“	“	31 “ Susanna Carter “ “	.....	50	0	0
July 2.	“	12 “ Catherine Dixon “ “	.....	125	0	0
Oct. 20.	“	23 “ William Tiller “ “	.....	300	0	0
Nov. 25.	“	20 “ Lucy Bulger “ “	.....	650	0	0
					<u>3,870</u>	<u>0 0</u>

1853.
Jan. 10.—Balance as per Balance Sheet 111,712 1 4

John Lawley	.....	8 12 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas George	.....	0 19 11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michael Condy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maurice Davine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
James O'fort	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
James Becker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John Lallow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John Tate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Gathelsh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Carey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
William Treavor	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
William Butler	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Andrew Murphy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
George Sutton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henry Beck	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Lanney	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jonathan Hickman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John Trood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Robert Oke	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
James Fitzgerald	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas Bicker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas E. Gaden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henry Camp	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wm. Stirling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alexander McAsland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richard Sullivan
Michael Fennell
Robert John Pissant
Benjamin Sweetland

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OUTSTANDING WARRANTS, JANUARY 10TH, 1853.

No. of Wr'nt.		£	s	d	No. of Wrn't.		£	s	d
163	Thomas Quirk	2	6	8	228	Samson Mifflin	117	10	5
54	Protestant Board of Educa- tion, Burin.....	7	3	9	"	Francis L. Bradshaw.....	154	11	5
80	Ditto ditto	22	10	0	227	Michael Coady	3	0	0
97	Henry Beck	3	0	0	143	Richard Anderson	11	8	2
115	Protestant Board of Educa- tion, Burin.....	22	10	0	231	Joseph Ryan	37	10	0
160	Henry Beck	3	0	0	"	Richard Rankin	32	10	0
139	Protestant Board of Educa- tion, Burin.....	22	10	0	"	Thomas E. Gaden	25	0	0
"	Ditto, Burgeo.....	7	5	0	232	William T. Stentaford	15	0	0
159	Thomas George	3	0	0	"	Robert Bayly	15	0	0
161	Henry Beck	3	0	0	"	John Mackay	15	0	0
162	John Thorn	2	10	0	"	John Lawrence.....	11	5	0
173	James Fitzgerald	2	10	0	"	James Murphy	8	15	0
"	Thomas Birkett	2	10	0	"	Andrew Ellis.....	8	15	0
174	Robert Oke	1	5	0	233	Charles Granger	6	5	0
176	John Spurrell	5	0	0	234	Jonathan Martin	6	5	0
187	Protestant Board of Educa- tion, St. John's	23	11	5	"	Samuel Rumson	6	5	0
"	Ditto, Burin	9	12	10	"	George Garland	6	5	0
"	Ditto, Burgeo.....	0	19	11	"	Thomas Keefe	3	0	0
188	Roman Catholic Board of Education, Brigus.....	23	11	5	"	William Collins	3	0	0
"	Ditto, Harbor Grace.....	10	14	3	"	Charles Randall.....	3	0	0
189	Committee of St. Patrick's Free School, Harbor Grace	10	14	3	"	John Pawley	3	0	0
196	Andrew Ellis.....	8	15	0	"	Thomas George	3	0	0
198	Jonathan Martin.....	6	5	0	235	Michael Coady	6	5	0
"	Thomas George.....	3	0	0	"	Maurice Devine	3	0	0
199	James Olford	3	0	0	"	James Olford	3	0	0
"	John Jure.....	3	0	0	"	James Blackler	3	0	0
200	Henry Beck	3	0	0	"	John Ludlow.....	3	0	0
"	John Trood	3	0	0	"	John Jure	3	0	0
"	David Handy.....	3	0	0	"	Thomas Gatherall.....	3	0	0
201	John Thorn	2	10	0	"	Thomas Carew	3	0	0
"	George Mitchell	2	10	0	"	William Trenear	3	0	0
205	Robert Oke	1	5	0	236	William Butler.....	6	5	0
206	James Fitzgerald	3	15	0	"	Andrew Murphy.....	3	0	0
"	Thomas Birkett.....	3	15	0	"	George Sutton.....	3	0	0
"	Thomas E. Gaden	3	15	0	"	Henry Beck	3	0	0
"	Henry Camp	1	0	0	"	Thomas Laskey.....	3	0	0
213	Wm. Stirling	1	17	0	"	Jonathan Hickman	3	0	0
217	Alexander McAusland.....	1	10	0	"	John Froad	3	0	0
224	Richard Sullivan.....	1	6	6	"	David Handy.....	3	0	0
225	Michael Fennell	2	0	0	"	Benjamin Cock	3	0	0
228	Robert John Pinsent	347	14	6	237	Patrick Kemp	3	15	0
"	Benjamin Sweetland	13	0	0	"	John Esmond.....	6	5	0
					"	John Healy	3	15	0
					"	Patrick Linahan	3	0	0
					"	Michael Christopher	3	0	0
					"	John Thorn	2	10	0
					"	John Farrell	2	10	0
					"	George Mitchell	2	10	0

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No. of Wrnt.		£	s	d	No. of Wrnt.		£	s	d	
237	Patrick Bonia	1	10	0	244	Henry C. Watts	5	0	0	
242	Andrew Drysdale	10	0	0	148	Mark McDonald	1	14	8	
"	Thomas Hanrahan	8	15	0	"	Richard Moores	1	3	4	
"	William T. Stentaforde	5	0	0	"	Nicholas Rourke	1	14	8	
"	Anne Buchanan	3	15	0	"	David Bedford	1	3	4	
"	John Lawrence	3	15	0	"	Richard English	0	10	7	
"	James Fitzgerald	3	15	0	"	Matthew Landregan	3	2	4	
"	Joseph Pearce	3	15	0	246	John Power	2	3	4	
"	Martin Williams	3	15	0	"	The Poor Commissioners ...	400	0	0	
"	John Morry	3	15	0	"	Michael Costigan	26	0	0	
"	John Devereux	3	15	0	"	The Agricultural Society...	150	0	0	
"	Hannibal Murch	3	15	0	"	The Protestant Central				
"	Mary Morris	3	15	0	"	Board of Education	774	8	9	
"	Thomas Birkett	3	15	0	"	Thomas Butler	2	12	8	
"	Thomas E. Gaden	3	15	0	"	John Smith	0	10	0	
"	Henry Cramp	1	0	0	"	Charles Cozens	0	14	6	
243	Joseph Score	10	16	8	"	Edward Roach	7	10	0	
"	Martin Williams	2	7	0						
"	Patrick Dee	0	8	8						
"	McBride and Kerr	5	0	0						
							As per Balance Sheet...	£2,652	18	6

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UNPAID INTEREST, JANUARY 10th 1853.

No. of Debenture.		No. of Debenture.	
		Brought forward	£178 6 4
3	£1 5 0		
8	1 0 0	171	2 15 0
20	2 2 6	188	1 17 7
21	3 17 6	192	10 0 0
27	0 12 6	200	2 10 0
29	2 15 0	203	5 0 0
30	4 5 0	215	2 10 0
31	0 15 0	219	1 0 0
33	2 15 0	221	0 17 6
41	17 10 0	222	3 0 0
42	10 0 0	236	2 7 6
43	7 10 0	240	1 5 0
45	5 0 0	248	18 15 10
52	1 5 0	256	1 17 6
53	0 12 6	263	1 15 8
55	3 15 0	264	1 15 7
66	19 5 0	266	St. John's Rebuilding Acts. 10 15 0
67	1 13 4	269	6 5 0
70	1 5 0	274	0 12 6
72	3 2 6	276	0 13 11
76	2 5 0	277	1 10 0
79	2 10 0	281	0 13 10
79 ¹ / ₂	2 0 0	290	3 18 0
85	3 10 0	291	1 5 0
92	16 12 6	293	3 7 2
95	2 10 0	295	1 18 6
108	1 5 0	297	2 0 9
115	1 5 0	298	5 4 0
116	1 17 6	300	10 7 6
120	1 6 6	303	0 17 4
121	6 0 0	307	1 6 0
122	5 0 0	308	1 6 9
131	6 17 6	309	1 12 6
134	18 15 0	319	0 7 2
135	0 18 6	6	3 2 10
140	1 0 0	7	Harbor Grace Street Act. 3 2 10
146	1 16 0	11	0 14 3
147	1 16 0	10	Penitentiary Act. 1 19 5
149	1 16 0	5	9 0 0
157	1 15 0	6	Act 12 Vic., cap. 20. 3 18 0
158	7 5 0	7	3 18 0
Carried forward	£178 6 4	Carried forward	£315 9 8

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UNPAID INTEREST, JANUARY 10th, 1853.

No. of Debenture.		£	s	d
	Amount brought forward	315	9	8
10		1	10	0
12		30	0	0
16		4	10	0
17		1	10	0
19		3	0	0
23		63	0	0
25		6	0	0
28		18	0	0
30	Colonial Building and	31	10	0
31	Market-house Acts.	7	10	0
32		7	10	0
34		9	0	0
35		15	12	0
46		51	12	0
49		12	0	0
50		9	0	0
51		6	0	0
54		6	0	0
58		3	0	0
59		6	0	0
1		10	8	0
2		3	0	0
5		90	0	0
8		7	10	0
10		30	0	0
11		21	10	0
12		7	16	0
13		6	0	0
14	Act 12th Vic. cay. 20.	6	0	0
20		5	2	6
21		4	10	0
22		27	0	0
23		3	0	0
24		32	7	4
30		3	0	0
31		3	0	0
32		11	1	3
7	Act 9th Vic., cap. 7.	9	12	6
	As per Balance Sheet.....	888	11	3

Carried forward £888 11 3

Treasury Accounts.

REVENUE AND

DR.

1852.				
Jan. 31.	—To	Debenture No. 21, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor the Savings' Bank paid off, due December 31, 1851	£1,000	0 0
Feb. 7.	"	Debenture No. 19, Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, paid off, due December 10th, 1851	1,000	0 0
9.	"	Compensation to the undermentioned parties, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the town, per Arbitrators' award:—		
		Arabella Brett	13	0 0
		Ann Tyndall	13	0 0
		Matthew Walbank	13	0 0
			<u>39</u>	0 0
"	"	Warrant No. 72, Roads	61	11 7
10.	"	" " 111,	49	9 11
14.	"	" " 63 Roads	47	4 8
16.	"	" " 112	294	12 7
26.	"	" " 113	136	19 9
28.	"	" " 64, Roads	72	5 5
Mar. 8.	"	" " 114	114	12 4
	"	" " 115, Education	453	5 0
	"	" " 116, Ditto	518	0 0
	"	" " 117, Ditto	300	0 0
			<u>1,385</u>	17 4
12.	"	Debenture No. 33, Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, favor Eleanor Little, due Jan. 6th 1852, paid off	345	0 0
	"	Interest on Ditto, for 6 days at 6 per cent.	0	6 9
17.	"	Warrant No. 65, Roads	80	2 4
18.	"	Debenture No. 5, Colonial Building Act, for Lucretia Hoyles, paid off, due January 20th, 1852	50	0 0
"	"	3 months' Interest on Ditto to 31st March, at 6 per cent.	0	15 0
24	"	Warrant No. 18	933	11 11
		Less amount charged to Penitentiary	250	0 0
			<u>683</u>	11 1
31	"	Warrant No. 119	170	18 6
Apr. 1.	"	" " 120	547	10 0
"	"	" " 121	275	0 0
"	"	" " 122	56	5 0
			<u>6,296</u>	10 9
		Carried forward	£6,296	10 9

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EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1852.				
Jan. 17.	—	By Balance from last year	£13,792 8 3
19.	"	Sheriff's fees, Northern district, per Garland C. Gaden, for the half year ended 31st December, 1851	56 14 1
"	"	Fines and Forfeitures, per Garland C. Gaden, Sheriff Northern District for the year 1851	.....
20	"	Licenses per Robert Carter, Magistrate, Ferryland, for the year 1851	.....	2 10 0
21	"	Postal Revenue, per Wm. L. Solomon, Post-master General, on account quarter ended 5th January, 1852	.....	41 12 0
29	"	Sheriff's fees, Southern District, per John Stephenson, for the year 1851	.....	2 18 9
"	"	Fines and Forfeitures, per John Stephenson, Sheriff Southern District, for the year 1851	.....	3 4 4
Feb. 9.	"	Sheriff's fees, Central district, per Benjamin G. Garrett, on account year 1851	.....	20 0 0
11.	"	Postal Revenue, per Wm. L. Solomon, Post-master General, for balance for the quarter ended 5th January, 1852	.....	3 11 10
April 3.	"	Licenses, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1852	.....	85 0 0
"	"	Fines and Forfeitures, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1852	.....	13 7 6
"	"	Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1852	.....	7 18 8
7	"	Customs Revenue, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 5th April, 1852	.....	992 15 1
"	"	Customs Revenue, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 5th April, 1852	.....	7,225 5 10
19	"	Fees, per Wm. T. Stentaford, Clerk of Peace, Brigus, for half year ended April 1st, 1852	.....	7 16 4
23	"	Fees, per John Lawrence, Clerk of Peace, Bonavista, being balance for half year ended November 1st, 1851	...	0 10 0
		Carried forward	£22,257 2 8

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REVENUE AND

DR.

1852.

	To amount brought forward	£6,296	10	9
April 8.	“ Warrant No. 66—Roads	27	2	10
19.	“ “ 123	.....	£628	9	9	
	“ “ 124—Salaries	.....	576	10	0	
	“ “ 125 “	.....	807	10	0	
	“ “ 126 “	.....	338	15	0	
	“ “ 127 “	.....	210	0	0	
	“ “ 128 “	.....	104	15	0	
	“ “ 129 “	.....	70	0	0	
	“ “ 130 “	.....	51	15	0	
	“ “ 131 “	.....	65	10	0	
						2,853 4 9
20.	“ “ 67—Roads	.....		39	6	9
23.	“ “ 132	.....		254	11	0
24.	“ “ 133	.....		169	11	9
29.	“ “ 68—Roads	.....	139	17	10	
	“ “ 69 “	.....	57	12	11	
	“ “ 70 “	.....	39	2	7	
						236 13 4
May 1.	“ “ 134 “	.....		187	9	7
4.	“ “ 71—Roads	.....		29	10	6
	“ “ Interest on Debenture No. 16, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor Wm. Talbot for £200 at 6 per cent., from December 9th, 1846, to December 31st, 1846, having been omitted to be paid by late Treasurer	.....				0 14 0
8.	“ Warrant No. 135	.....		626	4	0
10.	“ “ 72—Roads	.....		244	7	0
14.	“ “ 136	.....	1,044	17	8	
	Less—amounts charged to Colonial Penitentiary and Lunatic Asylum		768	6	8	
						276 11 0
17.	“ Warrant No. 73—Roads	.....	90	17	8	
	“ “ 74 “	.....	62	16	1	
	“ “ 75 “	.....	41	18	3	
						195 12 0
18.	“ “ 76 “		140	15	6
20.	“ “ 137		305	12	0
22.	“ “ 138	180	14	10	
	“ “ 77 “	75	19	0	
						256 13 10
	Carried forward		£12,140	10	7

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1852.	By amount brought forward	£22,257	2	8
April 26.	“ Fees, per Luke Collins, Clerk of Peace, Placentia, for the half year ended 1st April, 1852	0	3	0
27.	“ Postal Revenue, per W. L. Solomon, Postmaster General, for quarter ended 5th April, 1852	.....	.....	47	0	4
May 1.	“ Fees, per Charles Simms, Chief Clerk and Registrar of Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, for half year ended December 31st, 1851	.....	.....	175	3	9
6.	“ Licenses, per Andrew Ellis, Clerk of Peace, Harbor Briton, for the year ended 31st March, 1852	.....	.....	9	0	0
11.	“ Fees, per Andrew Ellis, Clerk of Peace, Harbor Briton, for year ended 31st March, 1852	.....	.....	1	14	0
22.	“ Fees, per Robert Bayly, Clerk of Peace, Trinity, for half year ended 31st March, 1852	.....	.....	0	4	6
July 2.	“ Licenses, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1852	.....	.....	162	0	0
“	“ Fines and Forfeitures, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for quarter ended 30th June, 1852	.....	.....	12	7	6
“	“ Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1852	.....	.....	9	8	6
“	“ Gaoler's fees, per Wm. Magill, St. John's, for quarter ended 30th June, 1852	.....	.....	1	6	7
5.	“ Fees, per Henry G. Clowe, Clerk of Peace, Ferryland, for half year ended 1st of April, 1852	.....	.....	2	7	2
“	“ Crown Rents, &c., per James Crowdy, on account year ended 30th June, 1852	.....	.....	606	13	4
7.	“ Customs Revenue, per Collector Kent	.....	.....	5,391	3	11
“	“ Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 5th July, 1852	.....	.....	7,552	17	1
9.	“ Sheriff's fees, Northern District, per Garland C. Gaden, for the half year ended 30th June, 1852	.....	.....	13	15	4
“	“ Fines, &c., per Garland C. Gaden, Sheriff Northern District for half year ended 30th June, 1852	3	0	0
	Carried forward	£36,245	7	8

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1852.	Brought forward	£12,140 10 7
Jan. 21.	To compensation to Young's estate for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the town, per award of Arbitrators	4 6 8
22.	" Warrant No. 59—Roads	75 10 3
23.	" " " 108	104 19 8
24.	" " " 109	£50 10 7
	" " " 60—Roads	3 9 4
		<u>53 19 11</u>
"	" Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the town, per award of Arbitrators:—	
	John Whelan	2 3 4
	John Walsh	3 18 0
	Maurice Walsh	3 0 8
	William Corbett	4 6 8
	Andrew Quirk	8 13 4
	Lawrence Burke	8 13 4
		<u>30 15 4</u>
27.	" Warrant No. 110	325 3 5
"	" " " 61—Roads	5 2 5
May 17.	" The undermentioned Debentures, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, due January 1, 1852—paid off:—	
	No. 24, favor Mary Carter	50 0 0
	" 25 " William Carter	50 0 0
	" 26 " Thomas Carter	50 0 0
	" 27 " David Carter	50 0 0
	" 28 " Peter Carter	50 0 0
	" 29 " Eliza Carter	50 0 0
	" 30 " Kenneth Carter	50 0 0
	" 31 " Susanna Carter	50 0 0
		<u>400 0 0</u>
25.	" Warrant No. 78—Roads	57 4 5
	" " 79 "	56 14 5
	" " 139 Education	453 5 0
	" " 140 "	518 0 0
		<u>1,085 3 10</u>
	Carried forward	£14,225 12 1

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1852.

	By amount brought forward	£36,245 7 8
July 17.—	“ Fees, per Abraham A. Pearce, Clerk of Peace, Twillingate, for half year ended 31st March, 1852	2 14 2
19.	“ Sheriff’s fees, Central District, per Benjamin Greer Garrett, for the year 1848	4 11 0
24.	“ Fees, per John Lawrence, Clerk of the Peace, Bonavista, for half year ended May 1, 1852	0 10 6
26.	“ Licenses, per Benjamin Sweetland, Magistrate, Trinity, for year ended 31st December, 1851	20 0 0
Aug. 9.	“ Postal Revenue, per Wm. L. Solomon, Postmaster General, for quarter ended 5th July, 1852	66 17 6
14.	“ Sheriff’s fees, Central District, per Benjamin G. Garrett, for the year 1851	29 17 5
“	“ Sheriff’s fees, Central District, per Benjamin Greer Garrett, for the year 1852	40 0 0
16.	“ Crown Rents, &c., per James Crowdy, receiver of Crown Rents, &c., being balance for the year ended 30th June 1852	323 16 0
Sep. 30.	“ Sheriff’s fees, Central District, per Benjamin Greer Garrett, for the year 1851	1 15 10
Oct. 2.	“ Gaoler’s fees, per Wm. Magill, Gaoler, St. John’s, for quarter ended 30th September, 1852	1 6 7
4.	“ Licenses, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John’s, for quarter ended 30th September, 1852	150 0 0
“	“ Fines and Forfeitures, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John’s, for quarter ended 30th September, 1852	5 15 0
“	“ Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John’s, for the quarter ended 30th September, 1852	10 5 2
12.	“ Customs Revenue, per Collector Kent	4,532 7 8
“	“ Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 10th October 1852	13,794 2 5
“	“ Fees, per Charles Simms, Chief Clerk and Registrar of Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, for half year ended 30th June 1852	175 8 11
16.	“ Fees, per Wm. T. Stentaford, Clerk of Peace, Brigus, for half year ended October 1st, 1852	3 8 0
	Carried forward	£55,408 3 10

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	To amount brought forward	£14,225	12	1
May 25.	Warrant No. 141—Education	300	0	0
29.	“ “ 80—Roads	.....	59 7 0			
	“ “ 81 “	.....	49 11 10			
	“ “ 82 “	.....	43 8 8			
			—————	152	7	6
June 1.	“ “ 83 “	.....	.....	40	7	0
3.	“ “ 84 “	.....	32 17 11			
	“ “ 142 “	.....	170 19 8			
			—————	203	17	7
4.	“ “ 143 “	.....	996 9 11			
	Less—amount charged to Penitentiary	.....	600 0 0			
			—————	396	9	11
	“ “ Warrant No. 85—Roads	.....	.....	46	13	11
7.	“ “ 144	.....	.....	516	0	6
8.	“ “ 86	.....	.....	84	15	10
9.	“ “ 87	.....	.....	41	2	4
16.	“ “ 88	.....	.....	49	16	8
17.	“ “ 145	.....	.....	233	19	7
22.	“ “ 146	.....	.....	245	19	9
	“ “ 89—Roads	.....	.....	70	18	1
25.	“ “ 147	.....	784 3 8			
	Less—amount charged to Penitentiary	.....	400 0 0			
			—————	384	3	8
	“ “ Warrant No. 148	.....	2,328 18 1			
	“ “ 149	.....	1,367 0 0			
	“ “ 150	.....	712 1 10			
	“ “ 151	.....	138 18 6			
	“ “ 152	.....	670 16 11			
			—————	5,217	15	4
26.	“ “ 90—Roads	.....	.....	50	16	9
28.	“ “ 153	.....	.....	309	16	5
	“ “ Compensation to James Tobin, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the town, per Arbitrators’ award	.....	.....	13	0	0
30.	“ “ Warrant No. 91—Roads	.....	.....	81	7	8
	“ “ Debenture No. 12, Act 9th, Vic., cap. 7, favor Catherine Dixon, due 13th August 1851—paid off	125	0	0
			—————			
	Carried forward	£22,790	0	

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1852. By amount brought forward £55,408 3 10

£55,408 3 10

1852.—To amount brought forward £22,790 0 7

June 30. " Interest on £48,177 6 8, Debentures issued under St. John's Re-building Acts, for half year ended 30th June, 1852, viz.:—

£47,796 13 4	for 6 months, at 5 per cent.	£1,194 18 4	
65 0 0	199 days	1 15 5	
156 0 0	266 "	4 16 7	
60 0 0	159 "	1 6 1	
26 0 0	180 "	0 13 0	
34 13 4	57 "	0 5 5	
39 0 0	60 "	0 6 6	
		<u>1,204 1 4</u>	

" Interest on £1,017 1 4, Debentures issued under Harbor Grace Street Act, 9th and 10th Vic., for half year ending 30th June, 1852, at 5 per cent. 25 8 6

" Interest on £25,550, Debentures issued under Colonial Building and Market House Acts, for half year ending 30th June, 1852, at 6 per cent. 766 10 0

" Interest on £15,000, Debentures issued under Act 12th Vic. cap. 20, for half year ending 30th June, 1852, at 6 per cent.... 450 0 0

Carried forward £2,445 19 10 £22,790 0 7

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01 8 804,55	To amounts brought forward	£2,445 19 10	£22,790 0 7
June 30.	“ Interest on £695 10 0, Debentures issued under St. John’s Academy Act, 7th Vic., cap. 3, for half year ending 30th June, 1852, viz. :—		
	£630 0 0, for 6 months at 6 per cent....	£18 18 0	
	65 10 0 114 days	1 4 6	
		<u>20 2 6</u>	
	“ Interest on £9,250 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, for half year ended 30th June, 1852, viz. :—		
	£2,090 0 0, for 6 months at 6 per cent. £62 14 0		
	7,160 0 0, 6 months at 5½ pr.cent.	196 18 0	
		<u>259 12 0</u>	2,725 14 4
July 1.	“ Warrant No. 154	127 1 2	
	“ “ 155—Salaries	526 10 0	
	“ “ 156 “	807 10 0	
	“ “ 157 “	338 15 0	
	“ “ 158 “	210 0 0	
	“ “ 159 “	104 15 0	
	“ “ 160 “	70 0 0	
	“ “ 161 “	51 15 0	
	“ “ 162 “	65 10 0	
	“ “ 163 “	547 10 0	
	“ “ 164 “	318 15 0	
		<u>3,168 1 2</u>	
2.	“ “ “ 92—Roads	56 15 1	
3.	“ “ “ 165	480 11 5	
	“ “ “ 166	467 2 9	
		<u>947 14 2</u>	
5.	“ “ “ 167	448 14 5	
7.	“ “ “ 93—Roads	33 8 9	
9.	“ “ “ 168	177 2 0	
13.	“ “ “ 169	702 0 8	
	“ “ “ 94—Roads	187 17 5	
		<u>889 18 1</u>	
17.	“ “ “ 170	98 12 7	
	“ “ “ 171	414 9 8	
		<u>513 2 3</u>	
20.	“ “ “ 172	209 14 10	
“	“ “ “ 173	131 10 0	
		<u>£32,091 15 8</u>	

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By amount brought forward £55,408 3 10

1	01 271,383
2	81 88
0	81 88
1	01 10
10	8 85
8	0 87
	4019 18 5	.....	.....	.....	.....
	0 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	01 81	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	81 88	.....	.....	.....	.....
	483 18 8	.....	.....	.....	.....
	181 8 8	.....	.....	.....	.....
	221 19 2	.....	.....	.....	.....
	188 11 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
					£55,408 3 10

1852.—To amount brought forward £32,091 15 8

July 20.	“ Warrant No. 174	.....	.....	.....	123 6 9
24.	“ “ “ 95—Roads	.....	.....	.....	138 0 9
26.	“ “ “ 175	.....	.....	£726 10 8	
	Less—amount charged to Penitentiary	.....	.....	200 0 0	
					526 10 8
27.	“ Compensation to Mary Brennan, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the town, per award of Arbitrators	.....	.....	.....	21 13 4
“	“ Warrant No. 176	.....	.....	271 12 5	
“	“ “ 177	.....	.....	625 6 9	
“	“ “ 178	.....	.....	167 19 7	
“	“ “ 179	.....	.....	241 8 2	
					1,306 6 11
31.	“ “ “ 180	.....	.....	.....	144 3 7
Aug. 3.	“ “ “ 181	.....	.....	.....	807 18 5
4.	“ Compensation to Nicholas Gill, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per award of Arbitrators	13 0 0
					£35,172 16 1
	Carried forward

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	To amount brought forward	£35,172 16 1
Aug. 5.	“ Warrant No. 96—Roads	85 18 3
12.	“ “ “ 182	358 18 0
14.	“ “ “ 183	.....	.....	204 10 1
16.	“ “ “ 97—Roads	.....	.....	48 2 10
17.	“ “ “ 98 “	.....	.....	92 0 8
25.	“ “ “ 184	.....	£649 16 4	
	Less—amount charged to Penitentiary	.....	500 0 0	
				149 16 4
27.	“ Warrant No. 185	.....	.....	153 18 5
30.	“ “ “ 186	.....	435 13 8	
	“ “ “ 187—Education	.....	194 5 5	
	“ “ “ 188 “	.....	221 19 5	
	“ “ “ 189 “	.....	128 11 3	
				980 9 9
Sept. 1.	“ Compensation to Lawrence Maccassey, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Award of Arbitrators	.....	.....	13 0 0
	“ “ Warrant No. 99—Roads	.....	.....	185 4 3
8.	“ “ “ 100 “	.....	.....	153 9 6
	“ “ Compensation to Elizabeth Cadwell, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Award of Arbitrators	.....	.....	12 2 8
10.	“ Warrant No. 190	.....	.....	377 16 3
15.	“ “ “ 101—Roads	.....	.....	124 11 6
18.	“ “ “ 191	.....	1,112 1 6	
	Less—amount charged to Penitentiary	.....	500 0 0	
				612 1 6
24.	“ Warrant No. 192	.....	.....	237 12 4
Oct. 1.	“ “ “ 193	.....	725 15 2	
	“ “ “ 194—Salaries	.....	532 16 7	
	“ “ “ 195 “	855 0 0	
	“ “ “ 196 “	345 0 0	
	“ “ “ 197 “	210 0 0	
	“ “ “ 198 “	104 15 0	
	“ “ “ 199 “	70 0 0	
	Carried forward		£2,843 6 9	£38,962 8 5

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By amount brought forward £55,408 3 10

Carried forward £55,408 3 10

1852.—	To amounts brought forward	£2,843 6 9	—£38,962 8 5
Oct. 1.	“ Warrant No. 200—salaries	.....	51 15 0	“
“	“ “ 201	.....	65 10 0	“
“	“ “ 202	.....	547 10 0	“
“	“ “ 203	.....	275 0 0	“
“	“ “ 204—Education	.....	343 15 0	“
				4,126 16 9
“	“ “ 205	.....	123 6 9	“
“	“ “ 206	.....	172 10 0	“
“	“ “ 102—Roads	.....	82 3 11	“
				378 0 8
5.	“ “ “ 207	.....		1,017 6 2
6.	“ “ “ 103—Roads	.....		218 11 4
8.	“ Compensation to John Whitty, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the Town, per award of Arbitrators	.....		19 10 0
9.	“ Warrant No. 208		347 14 0
12.	“ “ “ 104—Roads		67 2 4
13.	“ “ “ 105		72 9 5

Carried forward £45,209 19 1

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		To amount brought forward	£45,209 19 1
Oct. 13.		“ Warrant No. 209	£590 0 0
		Less—amount charged to Penitentiary	500 0 0
			<u>90 0 0</u>
15.		“ Warrant No. 210	761 14 5
		“ “ “ 106—Roads	232 14 4
			<u>994 8 9</u>
19.		“ “ “ 107 “	21 19 11
20.		“ Debenture No. 23, Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, favor William Tiller—paid off, due January 1, 1852.....	300 0 0
		“ Warrant No. 211.....	992 18 7
21.		“ “ “ 108—Roads	93 12 9
		“ “ “ 109 “	43 10 10
			<u>137 3 7</u>
23.		“ “ “ 110 “	115 17 4
25.		“ “ “ 111 “	49 19 3
28.		“ “ “ 112 “	110 1 6
23.		“ “ “ 212 “	355 6 0
		Less—amount charged to Lunatic Asylum	161 9 8
			<u>193 16 4</u>
29.		“ Warrant No. 213	426 0 1
30.		“ “ “ 113—Roads	75 14 0
Nov. 2.		“ “ “ 114 “	63 8 1
3.		“ “ “ 214	831 6 0
4.		“ “ “ 215	123 15 2
5.		“ “ “ 115—Roads	241 2 11
		“ “ “ 116 “	294 19 3
		“ “ “ 117 “	68 13 3
			<u>604 15 5</u>
9.		“ “ “ 118 “	85 17 8
10.		“ “ “ 216 “	237 6 1
13.		“ “ “ 217	229 15 11
		“ “ “ 119—Roads	110 12 5
			<u>340 8 4</u>
16.		“ “ “ 120 “	105 3 5
19.		“ “ “ 121 “	133 5 4
20.		“ “ “ 218 “	263 3 8
		“ “ “ 122 “	78 10 5
23.		“ “ “ 123 “	70 10 5
			<u>£51,655 8 5</u>
		Carried forward	£51,655 8 5

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1852.					
		To amount brought forward	£54,925	4 5
Dec. 15.	"	Warrant No. 223	616	5 5
16.	"	" " 224	335	12 0
17.	"	" " 135—Roads	65	0 7
18.	"	" " 136 "	53	2 1
	"	" " 137 "	78	5 5
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20.	"	" " 225 "	131	7 6
21.	"	" " 138—Roads	865	2 1
22.	"	" " 226	121	12 4
23.	"	" " 139—Roads	110	15 2
	"	" " 140 "	58	19 11
				62	5 9
				<hr/>	
27.	"	" " 227	1,184	1 9
	"	" " 228	907	2 4
	"	" " 229	78	15 4
	"	" " 141—Roads	59	2 10
	"	" " 142 "	127	11 4
	"	" " 143 "	36	15 3
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29.	"	" " 144 "	2,393	8 10
				59	14 2
31.	"	Interest on £48,478 16 8, Debentures issued under St. John's Re-building Acts, for half year ending 31st December, 1852, viz. :—			
		£48,177 6 8, for 6 months, at 5 per cent.	£1,201	8 8	
		86 13 4 " 142 days at 5 p.cent.	1	13 8	
		130 0 0 " 136 "	2	8 5	
		35 0 0 " 120 "	0	11 6	
		49 16 8 " 53 "	0	7 2	
			<hr/>	1,209	9 5
		Interest on £1,372 14 8, Debentures issued under Harbor Grace Street Act, for half year ending 31st December, 1852, viz. :—			
		£1,147 8 0, for 6 months at 5 per cent.	28	13 8	
		225 6 8 " for 30 days at do.	0	18 6	
			<hr/>	29	12 2
		Interest on £9,250 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, for half year ending 31st December, 1852, viz. :—			
		£2,090 0 0, for 6 months at 6 pr. cent.	62	14 0	
		7,160 0 0, " 6 " at 5 ½ do.	196	18 0	
			<hr/>	259	12 0
		Carried forward	£1,498	13 7	£59,745 8 2

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1852.

By amount brought forward	£55,408	3	10
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1852.—To amounts brought forward	£1,498	13	7—£59,745
Dec. 31. " Interest on £15,000, Debentures issued under Act 12th Vic., cap. 20, for half-year ending 31st Dec., 1852, at 6 per cent.....		450	0	0
" Interest on £25,550, Debentures issued under Colonial Building and Market-house Acts, favor half-year ending 31st Dec., 1852, at 6 per cent.		766	10	0
" Interest on £695 10 0, Debentures issued under St. John's Academy Act, for half-year ending 31st Dec., 1852, at 6 per cent.		20	17	4
" Interest on £7,100, Debentures issued under Penitentiary Act, for half-year ending 31st Dec., 1852; Viz:—				
£200 for 6 months at 6 per cent,		£6	0	0
2,700 " 169 days at 5 " "		62	10	1
4,000 " 78 " " "		42	14	2
200 " 72 " " "		1	19	5
		118	4	2
" Interest on £3,500, Debentures issued under Lunatic Asylum Act, to 31st Dec., 1852; Viz:—				
£2,500 for 169 days at 5 per cent.		£57	17	6
1,000 " 130 " " "		17	16	2
		75	13	8
		<hr/>		
			2,924	18
				9
Carried forward	£62,670	6	11

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1852.

By amount brought forward	£55,408 3 10
Oct. 20. " Fees, per John Mackey, Clerk of the Peace, Carbonear, for the year ended 30th September, 1852	11 18 6
28. " Fees, per A. A. Pearce, Clerk of Peace, Twillingate, for half year ended 30th September, 1852	.....	1 18 6
Nov. 22. " Fees, per Robert Bayly, Clerk of Peace, Trinity, for half year, ended 30th, September, 1852	.....	3 8 4
Dec. 11. " Postal Revenue, per Wm. L. Solomon, Postmaster General, for quarter ended 5th October, 1852	.....	71 5 6
" " Licenses, per L. W. Emerson, Clerk of Peace, Harbor Grace, on account year ended 1st April, 1852	.....	25 0 0
" " Fees, per L. W. Emerson, Clerk of Peace, Harbor Grace, for year ended 1st October, 1852	.....	14 11 6
17. " Sheriff's Fees, Southern District, per John Stephenson, for the year 1852	.....	7 15 7

1853.

Jan. 7. " Customs Revenue, per Collector Kent, for quarter ended 5th January, 1853	.....	5,883 18 0
" " Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for quarter ended 5th January, 1853	8,382 18 5
		<u>£69,810 18 2</u>

R. CARTER,

Colonial Treasurer.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COLONY FOR THE YEAR 1853.

ASSETS.

Estimated amount of Revenue	.....	£67,000	0	0
“ Licenses, Fines, &c,	.....	1,500	0	0
“ Lands Act	.....	1,000	0	0
“ Light Duties	.....	2,500	0	0
“ Late Treasurer's Estate	.....	500	0	0
“ Postal Revenue	.....	250	0	0
		<u>£72,750</u>	0	0
Balance against the Colony	.....	4,010	0	0
		<u>£76,760</u>	0	9

LIABILITIES:

Balance from last year	.....	£15,080	0	0
Estimate	.....	19,530	0	0
Reserved Salaries	.....	6,810	0	0
Customs	.....	4,600	0	0
Special	.....	2,450	0	0
Lands Act	.....	1,000	0	0
Postal	.....	1,500	0	0
Education	.....	7,500	0	0
Interest on Debt	.....	6,000	0	0
Legislative Contingencies	.....	4,500	0	0
Light Houses	.....	1,800	0	0
Balance of 10 per cent. Duties, for redeeming Debt, &c.	.....	2,500	0	0
Incurred, and to be incurred, for employment of Poor and extra amount } for disabled Poor.....	3,500	0	0
		<u>£76,760</u>	0	0

R. CARTER,
Colonial Treasurer.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COLONY, JANUARY
10TH, 1853.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash in Treasury	£2,110 0 0	Outstanding Warrants	£2,650 0 0
Customs' Bonds outstanding	12,390 0 0	Unpaid Interest	880 0 0
		Balance due Market House.....	270 0 0
		" Colonial Building	360 0 0
		" Penitentiary	3,970 0 0
		" Lunatic Asylum... ..	2,970 0 0
		" Savings' Bank.....	860 0 0
Balance against the Colony	15,070 0 0	Treasury Notes issued	4,500 0 0
		Unexpended Grants	7,700 0 0
		Ditto Road Grants	1,760 0 0
		Balance of 10 per cent. Duties for redeeming Debt, &c.,	
		For the year 1851	£2,310 0 0
		" " 1852	1,340 0 0
			<u>3,650 0 0</u>
			<u>£29,570 0 0</u>

R. CARTER,

Colonial Treasurer.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE AMOUNT OF DUTIES COLLECTED IN THIS ISLAND ON EACH OF THE UNDERMENTIONED ARTICLES, DURING THE YEARS ENDED 5TH JANU., 1851, 1852, AND 1853.

ARTICLES.	Year Ended 5th January, 1851.				Year Ended 5th January, 1852.				Year Ended 5th January, 1853.						
	Quantities.	Gross amount of Duties Collected.		Am't. return'd on ac't. of draw bck., over e'try.	Net amount collected.	Quantities.	Gross amount of Duties collected.		Am't. return'd on ac't. of draw bck., over e'try.	Net amount collected.	Quantities.	Gross amount of Duties collected.		Am't. return'd on ac't. of draw bc'k, over e'try.	Net amount collected.
		£	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Ale, Porter, Beer, Cider	value	3308 0 11	330 16 1	...	330 16 1	2661 17 4	266 3 7	31 2 2	262 11 5	2752 5 3	275 2 7	0 11 11	274 10 8		
Apples	barls.	1738	130 7 0	6 3 8	124 3 4	1632½	122 8 9	2 0 0	120 8 9	5297½	397 6 3	2 6 6	394 19 9		
Bacon and Hams	cwts.	746 0 1	186 10 8	...	186 10 8	680 3 23	170 4 11	...	170 4 11	330 1 4½	82 12 7	...	82 12 7		
Beef	brls.	2726½	272 13 0	...	272 13 0	3469	346 18 0	4 11 8	342 6 4	2811	281 2 4	...	281 2 4		
Brandy, Geneva, Whiskey	galls.	26171	3,925 13 0	7 11 6	3,918 1 6	26861	4,029 2 8	55 4 1	3,973 18 7	22331½	3,349 14 11	71 13 11	3,278 1 0		
Bread	cwts.	92150 3 9	1,151 17 8	...	1,151 17 8	109660 1 1	1,370 15 4	...	1,370 15 4	84916 3 26	1,061 9 2½	...	1,061 9 2½		
Butter	do.	16114 3 25	1,611 10 11	23 5 2	1,588 5 9	16340 3 9	1,634 3 1	4 18 6	1,629 4 7	12765 0 19	1,276 11 0	4 7 3	1,272 3 9		
Candles	value	4512 18 9	338 15 7	...	338 15 7	3355 12 8	251 13 5	...	251 13 5	3156 19 2	236 15 5	...	236 15 5		
Cattle	No.	2851	867 18 3	95 16 11	772 1 4	2579	786 0 9	49 8 5	736 12 4	3551	984 18 3	113 8 2	871 10 1		
Cheese	cwts.	346 1 23	86 12 5	...	86 12 5	756 0 27	189 1 1	...	189 1 1	342 1 19	85 13 8	...	85 13 8		
Cigars	No.	224800	56 4 0	...	56 4 0	188580	47 3 1	...	47 3 1	657717	164 8 7	...	164 8 7		
Clocks and Watches	value	391 12 2	39 3 3	...	39 3 3	708 9 4	70 16 11	...	70 16 11	560 12 7	56 1 4	...	56 1 4		
Coals	tons	21027½	1,051 7 3	44 13 10	1,006 13 5	20130½	1,006 10 9	50 10 10	955 19 11	23519	1,175 19 0	42 1 3	1,133 17 9		
Cocoa	cwts.	18 3 7	4 14 0	...	4 14 0	9 1 14	2 6 11	...	2 6 11	10 3 6	2 13 9	...	2 13 9		
Coffee	do.	1086 1 10	258 3 5	...	258 3 5	1955 3 18	489 0 6	1 2 9	487 17 9	1494 0 4	373 10 10	1 5 10	372 5 0		
Fish—dried and salted	do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74 0 20	18 10 10	...	18 10 10
Flour	brls.	113576½	8,518 4 9	88 16 1	8,429 8 8	142700	10,702 19 0	81 16 9	10,620 13 3	132538½	9,940 7 9	90 2 2	9,850 5 7		
Furniture—household	value	1162 12 7	116 5 2	2 4 9	114 0 5	1981 11 3	198 3 1	0 11 0	197 12 1	1949 6 10	194 18 8	...	194 18 8		
Goods, Wares and Merchandize. do.	343470 0 5	17,173 18 5	4 13 6	17,169 4 11	351953 2 5	17,597 14 9	8 11 10	17,589 2 7	301893 13 6	15094 15 2½	7 17 0	15,086 18 2½			
Horses	No.	84	42 0 0	...	42 0 0	54	27 0 0	...	27 0 0	69	34 10 0	...	34 10 0		
Lumber	Feet	4341509	542 16 9	2 8 0	540 8 9	4585740	573 4 3	31 15 11	541 8 4	4938649	617 7 2	20 4 4	597 2 10		
Oatmeal and Indianmeal	brls.	14748	368 13 2	...	368 13 2	9699½	242 9 9	...	242 9 9	5223	130 11 6	...	130 11 6		
Oil, Blubber, &c.	value	17 8 5	1 0 9	...	1 0 9	32 0 0	3 4 0	...	3 4 0	...	...	...	...
Molasses	galls.	916984	5,677 18 4	1,609 9 5	4,068 8 11	983698	4,898 3 1	436 3 11	4,461 19 2	731338	4,570 18 9	903 17 1	3,667 1 8		
Pork	brls.	27058½	3,901 19 1	...	3,901 19 1	20334½	3,050 2 9	...	3,050 2 9	18669½	2,800 7 6	6 9 0	2,793 18 6		
Rum	galls.	93600	3,294 2 3	9 1 4	3,285 0 11	115243	4,321 12 4	70 2 4	4,251 10 9	89780	3,366 15 5	5 1 4	3,361 14 1		
Salt	tons	34912½	872 16 2	...	872 16 2	38011½	950 5 9	...	950 5 9	31597½	789 18 9	2 14 7	787 4 2		
Sheep, Calves, and Pigs	No.	3903	195 3 0	...	195 3 0	3004	150 4 0	...	150 4 0	4029	201 9 0	0 10 6	200 18 6		
Shingles	do.	5075750	253 15 9	0 12 9	253 5 0	4605350	230 5 4	...	230 5 4	4834750	241 14 9	1 11 3	240 3 6		
Sugar—Refined	cwts.	1306 1 26	489 11 7	...	489 11 7	1732 2 13	649 14 8	3 2 0	646 12 8	1047 1 20	392 15 5	...	392 15 5		
Unrefined	do.	9555 2 0	2,293 6 6	313 4 2	1980 2 4	15178 1 9	3,794 12 3	759 11 6	3,035 0 9	16050 0 26	4,012 11 6	1547 3 11	2,465 7 7		
Bastard	do.	48 2 27	12 3 9	9 11 0	2 11 11	102 1 5	25 11 6	...	25 11 6	73 3 20	18 9 8	...	18 9 8		
Tea	lbs.	310016	3,875 4 1	48 14 6	3,826 9 7	403488½	5,043 12 1	64 0 8	4,979 11 5	355268	4,440 17 0	57 2 5	4,383 14 7		
Timber	tons	1644½	123 5 2	2 4 10	121 0 0	3040	227 18 7	...	227 18 7	2074½	155 11 9	...	155 11 9		
Tobacco—manufactured and leaf lbs.	293270	2,443 18 5	2 1 4	2,441 17 1	388861½	3,240 10 3	44 7 5	3,196 2 10	363861	3,032 3 6	28 7 3	3,003 16 3			
Stem	cwts.	73 2 0	7 7 3	...	7 7 3	119 3 0	11 19 5	...	11 19 5	28 2 0	2 17 0	...	2 17 0		
Wine—in bottles	galls.	453	67 19 0	...	67 19 0	197 1-6	29 11 6	...	29 11 6	441½	66 4 0	...	66 4 0		
not in bottles	do.	13391	1,337 16 0	40 6 11	1,297 9 0	77837	7,783 14 0	4,412 12 3	3,371 1 9	14458	1,445 16 0	810 2 2	635 13 10		
Ten per cent ...		£ 61,921 11 10	2,311 0 6	59,610 11 4		74,534 12 1	6,084 4 0	68,450 8 1		61,373 10 10	3,716 17 10	57,656 13 0			
		5,134 13 2	228 12 4	4,906 0 10		6,347 10 8	592 14 8	5,754 16 0		5,010 16 3	366 17 7	4,643 18 8			
Totals...£		£ 67,056 5 0	2,539 12 10	£64,516 12 2		80,882 2 9	6,676 18 8	£74,205 4 1		66,384 7 1	4,083 15 5	£62,300 11 8			

Customs Returns.

PORT OF ST. JOHNS,

A Consolidated Account of the Goods imported in the year ended 5th day of January, 1853, shewing the aggregate quantities and value of the various articles, with the amount of Duty collected thereon.

ARTICLES IMPORTED.	QUANTITY IMPORTED.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, Porter, Beer, Cider and Perry .....	.....	£2,752 5 3	£275 2 7
Apples	5,297 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bls.	2,156 0 11	397 6 3
Bacon and Hams	330 1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cwts.	953 5 10	82 12 7
Beef (salted or cured)	2,811 Bls.	5,295 12 0	281 2 4
Brandy, Whiskey, Geneva and Cordials	22,331 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gals.	5,469 14 4	3,349 14 11
Bread or Biscuit	84,916 3 26 Cwts.	46,441 2 2	1,061 9 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Butter	12,765 0 19 "	37,612 10 8	1,276 11 0
Candles .....	.....	3,156 19 2	236 15 5
Cattle (neat).....	3,551	19,698 7 5	984 18 3
Cheese	342 1 19 Cwts.	698 17 2	85 13 8
Cigars	657,717	1,384 0 0	164 8 7
Clocks and Watches .....	.....	560 12 7	56 1 4
Coals	23,519 Tons	16,557 4 3	1,175 19 0
Cocoa	10 3 6 Cwts.	27 10 8	2 13 9
Coffee	1,494 0 4 "	1,712 9 8	373 10 10
Fish (Dried and Salted)	74 0 20 "	73 15 0	18 10 10
Flour	132,538 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bls.	135,338 19 5	9,940 7 9
Furniture.....	.....	1,949 6 10	194 18 8
Goods, Wares, and Merchandize not otherwise enumerated or described .....	.....	301,893 13 6	15,094 15 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Horses, Mares, and Geldings	69	528 0 0	34 10 0
Lumber	4,938,649 Feet	10,176 11 11	617 7 2
Molasses	731,338 Gals.	36,302 12 3	4,570 18 9
Oatmeal and Indian Meal	5,223 Bls.	2,756 4 7	130 11 6
Oil and Blubber, Fins and Skins .....	.....	.....	.....
Pork (Salted or Cured)	18,669 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	56,210 15 6	2,800 7 6
Rum	89,780 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gals.	9,036 7 0	3,366 15 5
Salt	31,597 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tons	20,437 0 7	789 18 9
Sheep, Calves and Pigs	4,029	1,883 17 4	201 9 0
Shingles	4,834,750	2,263 16 6	241 14 9
Sugar, Refined	1,047 1 20 Cwts.	1,660 8 2	392 15 5
Unrefined	16,050 0 26 "	16,178 2 10	4,012 11 6
Bastard	73 3 20 "	73 0 0	18 9 8
Tea	355,268 Lbs.	17,974 5 3	4,440 17 0
Timber, including Balk and Scantling	2,074 $\frac{3}{4}$ Tons.	2,278 11 9	155 11 9
Tobacco (Manufactured and Leaf) Stems	363,861 Lbs.	7,862 6 11	3,032 3 6
Wine, in Bottles	28 2 0 Cwts.	14 14 0	2 17 0
not in Bottles	441 $\frac{1}{3}$ Gals.	411 17 0	66 4 0
not in Bottles	14,458 "	3,097 2 10	1,445 16 0
Totals...		£772,878 1 3	61,373 10 10

Custom-House,
The 12th day of January, 1853. }

JOHN KENT, Collector.

Customs Returns.

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1853. CR.

1853.—By this amount due Sub-Collector, Placentia, as per account

	.....		£240	18	2
current 5th January, 1852					
“ Over Entries	.....		355	0	4
“ Drawbacks	.....		3,613	17	7
“ Returned Duties	.....		114	17	6
“ Incidental Expenses	.....		146	18	4
“ Reserved Salaries	.....		6,235	9	4
“ Lumber Certificates	.....		18	7	6
“ Salaries, Viz. :—					
Saint John's	.....	1,828	4	4	
Out Bays	.....	1,766	4	9	
“ Tidewaiters	.....		674	3	0
“ Colonial Treasurer, Viz. :—					
Bonds	.....	36,955	3	9	
Cash	.....	16,800	4	8	
			53,755	8	5
“ Outbay Balances to next year, Viz. :—					
Trinity	.....	213	13	1	
Carbonear	.....	88	17	5	
Harbor Grace	.....	1,081	0	8	
Placentia	.....	131	15	10	
Burin	.....	373	19	5	
Little Bay	.....	273	14	9	
La Poile	.....	150	0	0	
			2,313	1	2
			£71,062	10	5

We do hereby certify that we have duly Audited the foregoing Account, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

St. John's, Newfoundland,
The 24th day of January, 1853. }

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN }
AMBROSE SHEA, } *Auditors.*
JOHN BEMISTER. }

Customs Returns.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE AMOUNT OF DUTIES COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851, AND 1852.

PLACES.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's.....	£56,481 5 7	£69,822 17 2	£55,118 18 7
Twillingate.....	332 6 11	272 14 8	129 7 0
Fogo.....	1,718 2 8	925 17 11	668 16 4
Greenspond.....	179 8 5	211 6 10	105 17 4
Trinity.....	605 12 1	461 3 10	549 13 8
Carbonear.....	1,143 6 3	900 8 11	843 19 7
Harbor Grace.....	3,448 2 0	3,580 19 10	3,641 0 9
Brigus.....	86 2 2	42 1 3	48 18 4
Ferryland.....	31 4 3	14 4 0	3 5 0
Placentia.....	389 10 10	601 14 8	599 12 3
Burin.....	1,197 13 10	1,355 10 10	1,160 7 10
Lamaline.....	100 7 3	72 4 4	30 13 4
Little Bay.....	788 17 3	1,267 3 0	1,219 13 3
Gaultois.....	276 18 11	221 6 10	289 10 5
La Poile.....	1,058 7 10	892 7 8	1,172 5 8
Bonavista.....	91 1 3	219 1 5	179 10 0
Grand Bank.....	5 8 8	9 7 10	25 19 6
Fortune.....	.....	3 8 0	1 8 6
St. Mary's.....	.....	76 6 6	21 3 8

NOTE.—The amounts for St. John's are made up to the 5th January, and the Outports to the 1st of January in each year.

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Customs Returns.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT DUES COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851, AND 1852.

PLACES.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's	£1,663 4 0	£1,657 17 9	£1,525 1 6
Twillingate.....	17 9 0	25 17 0	16 15 0
Fogo.....	58 5 6	49 4 0	60 3 0
Greenspond.....	35 10 6	25 8 6	31 3 6
Trinity.....	40 16 0	41 6 0	35 8 0
Carbonear	102 1 6	114 10 0	86 0 6
Harbor Grace.....	208 18 7	250 14 0	295 19 0
Brigus.....	73 11 3	78 4 0	61 7 0
Ferryland.....	9 15 9	7 9 6	5 0 0
Placentia.....	26 15 3	30 11 0	27 5 3
Burin	43 13 9	47 19 0	38 6 0
Lamaline.....	6 19 3	10 10 2	9 14 6
Little Bay	66 0 6	74 5 0	83 8 6
Gaultois.....	21 18 1	21 12 6	21 9 0
La Poile.....	49 0 3	73 12 0	51 19 6
Bonavista.....	18 10 3	26 17 0	23 9 6
Grand Bank.....	.....	3 11 11	9 15 0
Fortune.....	.....	.....	0 14 6
St. Mary's.....	.....	1 0 6	2 6 6

Customs Returns.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851 AND 1852.

PLACES.	Ale, Porter, Beer, Cider, and Perry— Value in Sterling.									APPLES,—[Barrels.]									
	1850.			1851.			1852.			1850.	1851.	1852.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.										
St. John's.....	3,079	16	3	2,592	14	6	2,687	7	9	1650	1421	5060½							
Twillingate ...																			
Fogo																			
Greenspond ...																			
Trinity											25	1							
Carbonear	2	10	0									58							
Harbor Grace	104	17	2	2	0	0				11	7	65							
Brigus												6							
Ferryland	16	0	0																
Placentia ...	24	0	0				2	0	0		25	10							
Burin ...	28	10	0	10	0	0	11	0	0	33	98	59							
Lamalaine				2	12	0	1	0	0	4	5	1							
Little Bay ...	53	7	6	54	10	10	49	17	6	40	36	22							
Gaultois	0	2	0				1	0	0										
La Poile	4	0	0								13	14							
Bonavista ...																			
Grand Bank....											2	1							
	Butter—[Cwts.]									Candles.—[Value in Sterling.]									
	1850.			1851.			1852.			1850.—£	1851.—£	1852.—£							
St John's.....	12,281	3	6	13,278	3	8	9,895	1	19	4,078	17	1	2,798	18	1	2,708	6	8	
Twillingate ...	103	1	25	38	3	25	60	1	21	26	16	0	34	15	4				
Fogo	720	3	0	387	2	11	300	3	14		78	18	0			40	14	4	
Greenspond	27	2	10	9	0	0	27	3	24	1	14	8							
Trinity	41	1	23	79	0	9	136	0	2	37	17	2				32	12	0	
Carbonear	706	2	14	487	2	17	277	0	25		46	2	5						
Harbor Grace	1,207	1	21	817	2	20	1,090	2	10		77	17	6			126	15	0	
Brigus	32	2	0	1	2	0	22	0	16	10	18	4				6	5	0	
Ferryland	6	1	0																
Placentia	133	0	17	59	1	22	109	0	15	19	15	2	23	10	0	25	4	0	
Burin	362	0	8	373	3	16	217	3	23	32	13	6	42	16	6	10	15	0	
Lamalaine.....	5	1	0	10	2	0	5	3	16	1	0	0	1	5	0	1	14	0	
Little Bay ...	116	2	8	401	3	14	138	1	25	38	1	8	45	12	7	41	1	1	
Gaultois	111	0	0				3	0	0										
La Poile	299	3	2	328	0	2	426	3	20								1	4	0
Bonavista.....							18	2	24		27	9	2						
Grand Bank ...				1	1	8		3	17		0	7	3						

Customs Returns.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851, AND 1852.—[Continued.]

Places.	Cattle.—[No.]			Cheese.—[Cwts.]		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's	2,775	2,536	3,509	260 3 15	670 2 12	271 1 22
Twillingate....				10 0 20	21 3 10	6 0 0
Fogo			1	37 0 0	9 0 0	22 0 0
Greenspond....	53			5 0 12	6 3 4	7 1 23
Trinity				8 1 29	1 0 5	8 2 21
Carbonear.....				6 0 0	0 2 8	3 0 22
Harbor Grace		43		6 2 0	1 0 12	0 2 0
Brigus.....						
Ferryland.....			1			
Placentia				5 0 0	0 1 0	
Burin.....			24	2 1 15	6 0 0	
Lamaline.....	2					
Little Bay....			15		32 2 0	
Gaultois.....						9 0 19
LaPoile.....			1	2 1 16		12 1 9
Bonavista.....					4 1 14	0 3 26½
Grand Bank...						
	Bacon and Hams.—[Cwts.]			Beef.—salted—[Barrels.]		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's.....	635 3 25	641 2 21	284 2 14	2,268	2,573	2,158
Twillingate....						
Fogo.....	19 0 0	18 2 25	9 0 0	50	50	44
Greenspond....	4 0 0				15	74
Trinity.....			6 0 21	4	10	
Carbonear.....		1 3 21	5 3 24		5½	
Harbor Grace	2 3 0	5 0 22	1 3 10	145	230	264
Brigus	1 0 0			2		
Ferryland.....				36		
Placentia.....	5 0 19	12 0 0	3 0 0	4	26	36
Burin.....				84	114	63
Lamaline						
Little Bay....		9 3 0	7 1 14	14	308½	48
Gaultois.....	3 3 0					101
LaPoile	1 2 0			287	83	86
Bonavista.....		0 2 0	0 1 16		2	
Grand Bank...		1 2 0				

Customs Returns.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851 AND 1852.—[Continued.]

Places.	Coffee—[Cwts.]						Flour—[barrels.]											
	1850.		1851.		1852.		1850.		1851.		1852.							
St. John's.....	874	1	15	2,758	0	8	1,347	1	26	83,902	1	2	106,975	1	2	97,972	1	2
Twillingate ...										250								
Fogo	14	0	0	28	0	0	32	1	0	2,450			3,576			2,345		
Greenspond ...	15	0	17				0	3	21	600			1,015			88		
Trinity	25	1	13							650			1,383	1	2	2,226		
Carbonear ...	15	0	5	46	2	12	5	1	18	2,467			2,430	1	2	2,762		
Harbor Grace	104	1	8	92	1	2	69	3	0	10,702			11,817			11,403		
Brigus										238						350		
Ferryland																		
Placentia	2	2	16	12	2	14	9	2	0	1,924			2,521			3,077		
Burin	11	0	22	12	1	1	8	0	10	5,097			6,756			4,314		
Lamaline ...	2	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	15	471			361			127		
Little Bay ...	6	2	0	6	0	0	5	3	0	223			3,065			746		
Gaultois										1,141			13			1,500		
La Poile	7	3	2	3	3	6	12	0	12	3,394			2,179			3,622		
Bonavista ...													214			170		
Grand Bank...													62			111		
	Furniture—household—[wooden] Value in Sterling.						Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, &c. Value in Sterling.											
	1850.—£		1851.—£		1852.—£		1850.—£		1851.—£		1852.—£							
St. John's.	1,133	2	7	1,886	0	8	1,824	4	5	275,548	16	0	286,215	15	0	236,591	14	0
Twillingate ...										4,430	4	8	3,463	12	0	1,886	12	5
Fogo										5,470	17	1	3,040	15	1	2,696	18	6
Greenspond ...										974	11	10	1,298	13	7	1,276	4	3
Trinity				9	4	0				5,683	8	10	2,158	15	11	2,611	3	4
Carbonear ...	7	15	0	15	0	0	10	0	0	10,743	11	11	7,160	3	0	6,176	11	11
Harbor Grace.				28	11	0	87	11	6	24,022	10	0	24,326	8	6	23,980	16	6
Brigus	1	12	6							89	3	8	30	0	0	10	3	0
Ferryland										19	0	0						
Placentia							2	10	0	634	11	10	2,699	9	6	1,808	6	11
Burin	2	2	6	6	0	0	3	8	0	5,757	9	0	4,367	17	5	3,473	2	5
Lamaline ...	5	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	45	5	0	162	1	3	141	10	6
Little Bay....				2	7	8	11	15	10	8,046	12	6	9,099	13	1	11,857	13	6
Gaultois							5	0	0	481	0	9	299	12	8	900	2	6
La Poile										3,862	14	11	4,108	4	10	3,410	13	6
Bonavista							0	10	5				17	7	5	110	17	9
Grand Bank...													1,854	6	5	2,451	8	4

Customs Returns.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851 AND 1852. [Continued.]

PLACES.	SUGAR—Refined—(Cwts.)			RUM,—[Gallons.]		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's.....	1,215 1 20	1,652 3 11	980 3 23	90,535	109,080	84,952
Twillingate ...						
Fogo	34 3 0	5 0 0	5 0 0			
Greenspond ...	3 0 7					
Trinity	13 1 1	2 0 0	4 3 10			
Carbonear		21 0 5				10
Harbor Grace	33 0 14	35 1 9	35 1 10	166	220	
Brigus						
Ferryland						
Placentia ...					188	278
Burin ...				480	499	498
Lamaline		0 0 15		612	31	30
Little Bay ...	5 3 0	11 3 0	48 0 3	203	201	2,131
Gaultois			0 0 19	2½	1,873½	41
La Poile		10 2 26	10 0 8	4,182	483	1,785
Bonavista ...		4 0 16				
Grand Bank...			0 1 6			½
	SALT—[Tons.]			SHEEP, CALVES, and PIGS—[No.]		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's.....	20,059	24,003	17,615	3,802	2,946	3,911
Twillingate ...	498	682	483			
Fogo	1,493	1,023	1,001½			15
Greenspond ...	210	139	526	38		
Trinity	784	860	265			
Carbonear	1,714¾	1,276	887	22		
Harbor Grace	4,951½	4,658	3,988½	12	40	
Brigus	385	220	220			
Ferryland	225	150	120			
Placentia	515	504	583			
Burin	1,185	1,040	1,233½	29		22
Lamaline.....	9	34½	23½			11
Little Bay ...	1,334	1,886	2,007		2	54
Gaultois	630	542½	411		6	15
La Poile	1,387	1,353	1,541			
Bonavista.....		280	226			
Grand Bank ...		6¼	7½			

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851, AND 1852.—[Continued.]

Places.	Shingles—(No.)			Sugar.—Unrefined—(Cwts.)		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's	4,511,750	3,763,000	3,842,000	9,366 1 23	14,852 1 25	15,806 0 9
Twillingate.....						
Fogo						
Greenspond....					4 2 4	4 0 18
Trinity		34,600	3,000			
Carbonear.....	60,750	74,000	5,000	18 3 8	22 0 4	
Harbor Grace	147,250	263,500	300,000	21 2 0	202 0 18	39 0 6
Brigus.....	10,000	104,000				
Ferryland.....				9 0 0		
Placentia	35,000	91,000	85,000	28 2 12	21 3 7	38 0 23
Burin.....	78,000	157,000	269,000	13 0 0	11 0 0	53 3 0
Lamaline.....	69,000	2,000	4,000	4 3 6	6 1 14	0 0 14
Little Bay.....	126,000	87,000	183,750	44 0 0	27 0 0	3 3 0
Gaultois.....			10,000			
LaPoile.....	11,000	31,250	119,000	57 3 0	4 0 0	39 1 15
Bonavista.....						
Grand Bank...						
	Tea.—(Lbs.)			Timber.—(Tons.)		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's.....	248,850	345,595	277,543	1,483	2,282 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,494 $\frac{1}{4}$
Twillingate....	1,463	1,538				
Fogo.....	6,896	2,611	2,776			
Greenspond....	849	275	265			
Trinity.....	3,210	1,910	2,796		92	62
Carbonear.....	4,836	4,619	3,442		113 $\frac{3}{8}$	
Harbor Grace	21,540	21,713	22,576	101	164	232 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brigus				4	40	
Ferryland.....						
Placentia.....	3,750	5,291	6,370	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	311	138
Burin.....	8,080	9,800	8,012	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lamaline	436	941	38			1
Little Bay.....	8,169	5,237	8,994	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	45
Gaultois.....		16	103	91 $\frac{1}{2}$		
LaPoile	5,643	11,133	9,208	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	53	13
Bonavista.....		1,064				
Grand Bank...		29	190			3 $\frac{1}{2}$

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AT THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, DURING THE YEARS 1850, 1851, AND 1852.—[Continued.]

Places.	Tobacco.—Manufactured and Leaf (lbs.)			Wines.—(Gallons.)		
	1850.	1851.	1852.	1850.	1851.	1852.
St. John's	225,564	335,585	290,358	13,267	76,065	14,199
Twillingate....						
Fogo	15,640	10,452	4,868			
Greenspond....		1,547	305			
Trinity	3,473	2,390 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,688	56	448	
Carbonear.....	3,806	1,508	3,894		26	
Harbor Grace	15,515	9,635	21,931	181	946	125
Brigus.....	1,891					
Ferryland.....				150	78	
Placentia	3,213	5,257	3,473			
Burin.....	8,604	10,869	9,507			
Lamaline.....	709	577	6		1-6	$\frac{1}{3}$
Little Bay.....	1,733	9,831	2,774	56	125	71
Gaultois.....	3,976	2	2,062	82	428	235
LaPoile.....	6,282	4,691	14,534			185
Bonavista.....			1,013		25	84
Grand Bank....		8	251			

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RETURN, SHEWING THE VALUES OF ARTICLES SUBJECT TO DUTY, IMPORTED INTO THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND FROM THE UNDERMENTIONED PLACES, IN THE YEAR ENDED 5th JANUARY, 1853.

	VALUE IN STERLING.
Great Britain and Ireland	£301,491 18 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	101,177 18 4
Canada	61,876 14 10
Jersey and Guernsey	6,979 14 10
New Brunswick	7,669 4 10
Prince Edward Island	6,666 13 1
British West Indies	13,316 7 10
Spanish	38,260 6 6
Mexico	27 5 0
Brazil	2 8 0
Germany ...	52,222 9 11
Denmark ...	8,537 11 8
Portugal ...	7,766 0 6
Spain	7,832 9 0
Italy	206 10 3
Sicily	35 0 0
Sardinia ...	75 0 0
Azores	126 9 4
Madeira ...	18 0 0
Cape de Verde Islands ...	80 0 0
St. Peter's	590 13 1
United States of America	157,919 6 3
	£772,878 1 3

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RETURN OF THE QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE UNDERMENTIONED ARTICLES UPON WHICH DUTIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IN THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND, IN THE YEAR ENDED 5TH JANUARY, 1853, SHWING THE COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THE SAME WERE IMPORTED.

		QUANTITIES.	VALUES.
ALE, PORTER, BEER, CIDER, &c.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....		£2,123 13 7
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....		414 8 6
Canada	.....		75 0 0
Germany	.....		9 0 0
United States of America	.....		130 3 2
	Value		£2,752 5 3
APPLES			
Jersey and Guernsey	.....	10	£4 11 6
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	973 $\frac{1}{2}$	314 13 6
Canada	.....	183	63 10 0
New Brunswick	.....	7	3 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	481	189 0 0
Portugal	.....	2	1 0 0
St. Peters	.....	12	5 10 0
United States of America	.....	3,626	1,574 15 11
	Barrels	5,297 $\frac{1}{2}$	£2,156 0 11
BACON and HAMS			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	10 0 16 $\frac{1}{2}$	£29 4 2
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	15 2 0	38 0 0
Canada	.....	25 2 0	72 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	9 3 0	26 0 0
Germany	.....	238 2 21	703 15 9
Denmark	.....	7 1 14	18 11 6
United States of America	.....	23 1 9	65 14 5
	Cwts.	330 1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	£953 5 10
BEEF, (Salted)			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	£81 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	200 $\frac{1}{2}$	424 10 6
Canada	.....	275	505 7 6
P. E. Island	.....	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 0 0
Germany	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 0 0
United States of America	2,249	4,207 14 0
	Barrels	2,811	£5,295 12 0

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		Quantities.	Value.
BREAD AND BISCUIT.			
Great Britain and Ireland	9052 3 9	£5227 16 1
Jersey and Guernsey	.....	2598 0 0	1775 11 3
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	2082 3 17	1602 11 6
Canada	.....	5638 0 0	3253 3 5
New Brunswick	.....	42 1 0	28 0 0
Germany	.....	53061 3 0	27491 10 0
Denmark	.....	7882 0 0	4647 10 0
St. Peters	.....	28 0 0	28 17 10
United States of America	.....	4531 1 0	2386 2 1
	Cwts.	84916 3 26	£46441 2 2
BRANDY, GENEVA, WHISKEY, &c.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	22184	5434 12 4
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	25	4 10 0
St. Peters	.....	1½	7 0 0
United States of America	..... Gallons	121	30 5 0
		22331½	£5469 14 4
BUTTER.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	919 2 27	2799 18 7
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	5139 2 0	15605 11 5
Canada	.....	1019 1 16	3003 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	126 2 16	367 5 0
New Brunswick	.....	37 0 0	111 18 9
Germany	.....	4282 0 21	11832 5 2
Denmark	.....	316 0 8	996 12 7
St. Peters	.....	3 3 16	16 8 0
United States of America	.....	920 2 27	2969 11 2
	Cwts.	12765 0 19	£37612 10 8
CANDLES.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....		1154 4 2
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....		250 17 2
Canada	.....		6 5 0
Portugal	.....		67 18 0
Spain	.....		6 0 0
St. Peters		1 14 0
United States of America		1670 0 10
	Value		£3156 19 2

Customs Returns.

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				QUANTITIES.	VALUES.
CHEESE.					
Great Britain and Ireland	99 2 2	£208 13 11	
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	42 3 23	86 10 1	
P. E. Island	.....	.....	1 3 10	4 2 6
Germany	.....	.....	27 0 17	61 7 2
United States of America	.....	.....	170 3 23	338 3 6
		Cwts.	342 1 19	£698 17 2	
CATTLE					
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	.....	4	£29 5 2
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	.....	3,098	17,426 19 1
P. E. Island	.....	.....	396	1,988 5 10
New Brunswick	.....	.....	53	253 17 4
		No.	3,551	£19,698 7 5	
CIGARS					
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	.....	38,567	£77 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	.....	43,150	100 10 0
Germany	.....	.....	35,000	70 0 0
Spain	.....	.....	1,000	2 10 0
Mexico	.....	.....	10,000	25 0 0
Spanish West Indies	.....	.....	249,250	481 0 0
United States of America	.....	.....	280,750	628 0 0
		No.	657,717	£1,384 0 0	
CLOCKS and WATCHES					
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	.....		£68 8 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	.....		102 13 6
United States of America	.....	.....		389 11 1
		Value		£560 12 7	
COALS					
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	.....	4,297	£2,292 10 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	.....	19,147½	14,201 17 0
St. Peters	.....	.....	34½	23 17 3
United States of America	.....	.....	40	39 0 0
		Tons.	23,519	£16,557 4 3	
COCOA					
Great Britain and Ireland	8 3 0	£21 15 0	
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	2 0 6	5 15 8	
		Cwts.	10 3 6	£27 10 8	

Customs Returns.

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		QUANTITIES.	VALUES.
COFFEE.			
Great Britain and Ireland	358 1 11	£491 1 6
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	49 3 9	94 7 8
British West Indies	.....	9 1 20	32 10 6
Spanish ditto	.....	493 3 9	497 0 0
Germany	.....	1 1 9	2 0 0
St. Peter's	.....	0 0 15	0 10 0
United States of America	.....	581 0 15	595 0 0
	Cwts.	1,494 0 4	£1,712 9 8
FISH, (Dried and Salted.)			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	21 0 1	£15 0 0
Canada	.....	22 3 20	20 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	10 0 0	10 0 0
New Brunswick	.....	21 1 0	28 15 0
	Cwts.	74 0 20	£73 15 0
FLOUR.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	692	£702 10 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	10,045	10,637 14 2
Canada	.....	33,927	34,778 15 0
New Brunswick	.....	61	86 10 0
St. Peters	.....	143	185 13 1
United States of America	.....	87,670½	88,965 17 2
	Barrels	132,538½	135,338 19 5
FURNITURE, (Household, made of Wood.)			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....		£1,029 5 8
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....		29 1 10
Canada	.....		2 4 0
British West Indies	.....		3 9 4
Germany	.....		155 15 0
Portugal	.....		1 5 0
St. Peters		4 17 1
United States of America		723 8 11
	Value		£1,949 6 10

Customs Returns.

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	Quantities.	Values.
HORSES.		
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	51	£371 0 0
P. E. Island	18	157 0 0
No.	69	£528 0 0
GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANDISE.		
Great Britain and Ireland		£258354 7 9
Jersey		4543 12 1
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton		12423 0 10
Canada		2025 9 1
New Brunswick		600 10 9
P. E. Island		1608 16 6
British West Indies		55 16 0
Spanish ditto		107 17 0
Mexico		2 5 0
Brazil		2 8 0
Germany		8828 12 10
Denmark		1498 12 7
Portugal		808 12 6
Spain		236 10 0
Italy		78 12 3
Sardinia		23 0 0
Madeira		7 0 0
Azores		96 9 4
St. Peters		198 13 9
United States of America		10393 7 3
Value		£301,893 13 6
LUMBER.		
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	1856108	£3786 9 3
Canada	249723	515 8 9
P. E. Island	409344	825 5 1
New Brunswick	2407213	5004 1 0
Spanish West Indies	50	1 0 0
St. Peters	9350	29 7 10
United States of America	6861	15 0 0
Feet	4,938,649	£10,176 11 11

Customs Returns.

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		Quantities.	Values.
MOLASSES.			
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	110486	£5778 6 9
New Brunswick	200	11 15 0
British West Indies...	.....	151399	7008 0 0
Spanish ditto	.....	434696	21752 19 6
St. Peters	.....	588	29 11 0
United States of America	.....	33969	1722 0 0
	Gallons.	731,338	£36,302 12 3
OATMEAL AND INDIAN MEAL.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	426	£406 1 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	823	594 7 10
Canada	.....	421	343 15 0
New Brunswick	.....	26	13 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	82	76 0 0
Germany	.....	222	209 2 0
St. Peters	.....	4	4 0 0
United States of America	Gallons	3219	1109 18 9
	Barrels.	5223	£2756 4 7
PORK.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	679	£2075 2 6
Jersey	.....	48	173 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	1604 $\frac{1}{2}$	5301 11 0
Canada	.....	5594	15792 12 6
New Brunswick	.....	1	4 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	197 $\frac{1}{2}$	597 0 0
Germany	.....	885 $\frac{1}{2}$	2682 0 0
Denmark	.....	450	1466 5 0
St. Peters	.....	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 17 6
United States of America	.....	9207	28108 7 0
	Barrels	18,669 $\frac{1}{4}$	£56210 15 6
RUM.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	4303	£459 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	7856	803 6 8
British West Indies	.....	46014	4716 0 0
Spanish ditto	.....	25333	2432 0 0
St. Peters	.....	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 10 4
United States of America	6203	617 10 0
	Barrels	89,780 $\frac{1}{2}$	£9,036 7 0

Customs Returns.

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		QUANTITIES.	VALUES.
SHEEP, CALVES AND PIGS.			
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	3542	£1643 7 4
P. E. Island	.....	443	220 10 0
New Brunswick	.....	44	20 0 0
	No.	4029	£1,883 17 4
SALT.			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	8799 $\frac{1}{2}$	£5,697 7 3
Jersey	.....	624	483 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	1694	2193 14 2
New Brunswick	.....	42	42 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	6	6 0 0
Portugal	.....	8845	4766 15 0
Spain	.....	11114 $\frac{1}{2}$	7003 16 2
Italy	.....	100	42 18 0
Sicily	.....	100	35 0 0
Sardinia	.....	105	52 0 0
Cape de Verde Islands	.....	120	80 0 0
St. Peters	.....	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 10 0
United States of America	.....	34	87 0 0
	Tons	31,597 $\frac{1}{2}$	£20,437 0 7
SHINGLES.			
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	609500	£244 10 6
New Brunswick	.....	2461000	1178 16 0
Canada	.....	1539500	751 0 0
P. E. Island	.....	220750	87 10 0
St. Peters	.....	4000	2 0 0
	No.	4,834,750	£2,263 16 6
SUGAR (Refined),			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	900 1 3	£1,326 16 6
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	31 1 25	70 9 0
Canada	.....	20	12 6
Germany	.....	5 3 22	8 17 0
St. Peters	.....	1 6	13 2
United States of America	.....	109 1 0	253 0 0
	Cwts.	1047 1 20	£1,660 8 2
SUGAR, (Unrefined.)			
Great Britain and Ireland	.....	88 2 22	£100 11 4
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....	1135 3 27	1184 19 6
British West Indies	.....	1515 0 21	1500 12 0
Spanish ditto	.....	12911 2 21	12986 10 0
Germany	.....	1 1 0	1 0 0
St. Peters	.....	14	5 0
United States of America	397 1 5	404 5 0
	Cwts.	16,050 0 26	£16,178 2 10

Customs Returns.

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			Quantities.	Values.
SUGAR, (Bastard.)				
Great Britain and Ireland		73 3 20	£73 0 0
		Cwts.	73 3 20	£73 0 0
TEA.				
Great Britain and Ireland	.....		212,552	£10,696 18 4
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....		49244	2618 10 10
Canada	.....		4400	220 0 0
New Brunswick	.....		70	4 1 0
St. Peters	.....		156	10 4 8
United States of America	.....		88846	4424 10 5
		Lbs.	355,268	£17974 5 3
TIMBER.				
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....		1,036 $\frac{3}{4}$	£1,152 2 6
Canada	.....		351 $\frac{3}{4}$	416 0 0
New Brunswick	.....		264	294 10 0
P. E. Island	.....		415 $\frac{3}{4}$	405 15 8
Spanish West Indies	.....		2	2 0 0
St. Peters	.....		4 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 3 7
		Tons	2074 $\frac{3}{4}$	£2278 11 9
TOBACCO, (Stems.)				
United States of America	.....		28 2 0	£14 14 0
		Cwts.	28 2 0	£14 14 0
TOBACCO, (Manufactured and Leaf.)				
Great Britain and Ireland	.....		1553	£39 15 2
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	.....		48870	1661 15 7
Canada	.....		1565	32 12 1
New Brunswick	.....		75	2 10 0
P. E. Island	.....		1706	71 2 6
Germany	.....		77	2 5 0
St. Peters		66	3 0 0
United States of America		309949	6049 6 7
		Barrels	363,861	£,7862 6 11

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	Quantities.	VALUES.
WINE, (in bottles.)		
Great Britain and Ireland	214	£203 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	2	0 15 0
Germany	127	115 0 0
Portugal	22	20 0 0
St. Peters	$\frac{1}{3}$	0 2 0
United States of America	76	73 0 0
Gallons	441 $\frac{1}{3}$	£411 17 0
WINE, (not in bottles.)		
Great Britain and Ireland	1275	£274 0 0
Nova Scotia and Cape Breton	36	9 0 0
Portugal	9639	2100 10 0
Spain	2868	583 12 10
Italy	398	85 0 0
Madeira	56	11 0 0
Azores	165	30 0 0
United States of America	21	4 0 0
Gallons	14,458	£3,097 2 10

STATEMENT OF CROWN LANDS SOLD AT AUCTION BY THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL OR HIS DEPUTIES, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1852.

NAME OF PURCHASER.	CONTENTS OF LOT.			WHERE SITUATE.	UPSET PRICE.	SOLD AT PER ACRE.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASE MONEY.	COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R.	P.							
James Canfield	20	0	0	Near Cape Spear	2s.	2s. 3d.	£2 5 0	Nil.	Surveyor General	
Michael Murray	10	0	0	W. of Portugal Cove rd.	2s.	2s. 3d.	1 2 6			
George Garrett	20	0	0	W. of Bay Bulls road	.....	2s. 9d.	2 15 0		
Peter Short	20	0	0	Ditto	2s.	2s. 3d.	2 5 0			
John Stuart	20	0	0	{ S. of Topsail road, 8½ } { miles from St. John's }	2s.	2s. 3d.	2 5 0			
Ed. Cummins	20	0	0	Topsail road	2s.	2s. 3d.	2 5 0			
John Range	14	0	0	Broad Cove road	2s.	2s. 3d.	1 11 6			
Denis Madden				Holyrood—beech lot	2l.	.....	2 1 0		
Denis O'Neil				Ditto ditto	2l.	.....	7 3 6		
Thomas Conway	10	0	0	{ Main rd. between Kel- } { ligrews and Long Pd. }	2s.	2s. 1d.	1 0 10			
A. Blackwood	24	0	0	Ditto	2s.	2s. 3d.	2 14 0			
Edward Bidout	16	0	0	Ditto	2s.	2s. 2d.	1 13 4			
B. Brine	50	0	0	{ S. side of rd. between } { upper & lower Gully }	.....	.....	5 4 2	
Thomas Quigley	30	0	0	Colinet	.....	.....	3 2 6	
Walter Dillon	28	1	20	{ Rd. from St. Mary's to } { Colinet }	.....	.....	3 0 5	
John Delaney	27	3	14	Ditto	.....	.....	2 18 4	
John Delaney	27	3	13	Ditto	.....	.....	2 18 4	
Walter Dillon	24	1	17	Ditto	.....	.....	2 12 1	
Patrick Kaneary	30	0	0	N. of Deer' Marsh Path	.....	2s. 2d.	3 5 0		
Patrick Kaneary	15	0	0	Ditto	.....	2s. 2d.	1 12 0		
James Mealy	22	0	0	{ E. of Hall's Bridge, } { Bay Bulls road }	.....	9s.	9 18 0		
Charles Shelley	5	0	0	E. of Bay Bulls Big Pond	.....	2s. 2d.	0 10 10		
Richard Clarke	20	0	0	Opposite Bay Bulls Pond	.....	.....	2 3 4	
Carried forward							£66 7 2			

Crown Lands.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT OF CROWN LANDS SOLD AT AUCTION BY THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL OR HIS DEPUTIES, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1852.—(Continued.)

NAME OF PURCHASER.	CONTENTS OF LOT.			WHERE SITUATE.	UPSET PRICE.	SOLD AT PER ACRE.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASE MONEY.	COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R.	P.							
				Brought forward.....	£66 7 2			
John Shea	20	0	0	Opposite Bay Bulls Pond	2 3 4			
Richard Mackey	22	0	0	{ Between Forest Pd. } and Goulds Pond }	7s. 2d.	7 17 8	} Nil.		
Thomas Howlet	22	0	0		Ditto	15s.		16 10 0	
Richard Landy	25	0	0	Rear of Topsail Road	2s. 2d.	2 14 2	} 11 days work at 12s. 6d. Stg. per diem.	John Delaney.	The cost of survey includes all travelling expenses, Chainmen, survey and plan.
Michael Tobin	20	0	0	{ Rd. between Topsail } and Kelligrews }	2s.	2s. 1d.	2 1 8			
Ellen Shelley	24	0	0	Salmonier Road	2s.	2s. 1d.	2 10 0			
Robert Miller	22	3	0	W. of Cloney's Bridge	.....	2s. 6d.	2 17 6		
Thomas Cullen	19	2	0	Ditto	.....	2s. 1d.	2 1 8		
William Rowe	20	0	0	Ditto	.....	2s. 1d.	2 1 8		
James Adlem	19	3	19	Ditto	.....	.....	2 1 8	
John Tobin	21	3	19	Knight's Arm	.....	.....	2 5 10	
Thomas Bearnese	16	0	20	Ditto	}	.....	5 6 3		
Thomas Bearnese	14	0	17	Ditto				
Thomas Bearnese	20	2	24	Ditto			
Wm. Greenslade	12	0	0	Ditto		1 5 0		
							£118 3 7			

Crown Lands.

APPENDIX

J. NOAD, Surveyor-General.

8th March, 1853.

STATEMENT OF CROWN LANDS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT TRINITY, BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR,
BENJAMIN SWEETLAND, ESQ., FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st OCTOBER, 1852.

NAME OF PURCHASER.	CONTENTS OF LOT	WHERE SITUATE.	UPSET PRICE.	SOLD AT PER ACRE.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PURCHASE MONEY OR COST OF GRANT	COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A. R. P.							
William Miller	2 3 22	Robin Hoods	2s.	2s. 1d.	£0 6 3	} 16 days at 12s. 6d.—£10.	B. Sweetland, Esq. Deputy-Surveyor	The cost of Survey includes all travelling expenses, Chainmen, Survey, and Plan.
Isaac Butler	4 2 26	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 10 5			
James Butler, jr.	1 2 14	Ditto	5s.	5s. 3d.	0 5 3			
George Ivamy, jr.	15 3 34	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	1 3 4			
Thos. Northover	5 0 8	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 12 6			
Wm. Taverner	6 1 11	Smith's sound	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 14 7			
James Taverner	2 1 3	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 6 3			
George Ivamy, jr.	6 0 24	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 14 7			
John Late	5 0 8	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 12 6			
Stephen Janes	41 0 27	Catalina	2s.	2s. 1d.	4 7 6			
Fred. Hiscock	1 1 8	Ditto	5s.	5s. 3d.	0 5 3			
Robert Pierce	0 3 1	Ditto	5s.	5s. 3d.	0 5 3			
Elias Willis	2 0 8	Ditto	2s.	2s. 1d.	0 6 3			
	95 0 34				£10 9 11			
George Pomroy	3 1 18	Catalina	0 5 0	12s. 6d.	B. Sweetland,	Party entitled to Grant from long possession.
John Carbery	2 2 0	Quarry Brook	12s. 6d.	Deputy-Surveyor.	To be sold at auction

Crown Lands.

APPENDIX.

RETURN OF BUILDING LOTS SITUATE IN ST. JOHN'S DISPOSED OF AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER 1852: ON LEASES RENEWABLE FOR EVER, AT AN ANNUAL RENT.

NAME OF PURCHASER.	SITUATION OF BUILDING LOT.	UPSET PRICE PER FOOT—STG.	SOLD AT PER FOOT—STG.	TOTAL AMOUNT ANNUAL RENT—STG.	REMARKS.
Robert Prowse	Feet frontage on Duckworth Street, being the site of the Old Court House.	£0 7 0	£0 8 0	£43 4 0	
Bridget Cormack	27 feet 6 inches front on Water-Street.	1 8 0		37 10 0	
James Lawlor	21 feet front on Prince's Street	0 5 0	0 5 3	5 10 3	
John Feehan	30 feet west side of do.	0 5 0	0 5 3	7 17 6	
Redmond Brine	20 feet do.	0 5 0	0 5 9	5 15 0	
Michl. Jackman	20 feet do.	0 5 0	0 5 0	5 0 0	
Thomas Roche	30 feet do.	0 5 0	0 5 1	7 12 6	
John Feehan.	24 feet do.	0 5 0	0 5 0	6 0 0	
				£118 9 3	
G. T. Brooking.	Lot in Duckworth Street.....			£12 18 0	Continuation of lease to A Currie.

Crown Lands.

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J. NOAD, Surveyor-General.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, AND OF LANDS SURVEYED FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION, BY THE LATE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT FERRYLAND FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st Oct., 1852.

NAME OF PURCHASER.	CONTENTS OF LOT.	WHERE SITUATE.	UPSET PRICE.	RATE AT WHICH THE LOT SOLD.	TOTAL—OR COST OF GRANT.	COST OF SURVEY.	NAME OF SURVEYOR	REMARKS.
G. Frampton, by W. Frampton.	3 2 10	Between Ferryland and Aquaforte.	2s.	2s. p. acre.	£0 8 4	} 25s.	Robt. Carter, Esq.	This amount paid Mr. Carter in 1851.
W. Williams, agent for his sons, Thomas and James.	0 2 39	Near Ferryland, by the Quarry River.	5s.	5s. for the lot.	0 5 0			
Patk. McCarthy	9 3 29	S. W. side Chance Cove.			0 10 0	} 50s.	Robt. Carter, Esq.	This amount not yet paid to the heirs of Mr. Carter.
Do.	3 1 4	N.E. ditto.			0 4 0			
Do.	0 3 2	Do. ditto.						
	18 1 4				£1 7 4	£3 15 0		

Crown Lands.

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8th March, 1853.

JOSEPH NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S RETURN OF GRANTS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st OCT., 1852.

No.	NAME OF GRANTEE.	CONTE'TS.			WHERE SITUATE.	DATE OF RE-GISTRY.	COST OF GRANT.			REMARKS.
		A.	R.	P.			£	s	d	
1	Philip Brown	2	0	22	Sound Isl'd, Placentia Bay	7th Oct. 1851	£0	5	0	
2	James Keough	1	3	38	Plate Cove, Bonavista Bay	9th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
3	Joshua Dawe	1	1	8	Port de Grave, Con. Bay	15th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
4	William Dawe	1	3	0	Port de Grave, Con. Bay	15th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
5	Jonathan Shepherd	1	2	9	Bryants Cove, Con. Bay	15th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
6	Charles Mercer	10	3	35	Bay Roberts, Con. Bay	16th Oct. 1851	0	11	0	
7	Edmund Clancy	19	0	0	Topsail Road	16th Oct. 1851	2	2	9	
8	Richard Walsh	24	0	0	Brigus	18th Oct. 1851	1	8	0	
9	John Forsey	2	2	23	Fortune, in Fortune Bay	22nd Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
10	John Forsey	2	1	29	Fortune, in Fortune Bay	22nd Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
11	Patrick Roach	16	2	0	Branch, St. Mary's Bay	1851	0	17	0	
12	John Hickman	0	2	7	Grand Bank	25th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
13	John Hickman	2	0	35	Grand Bank	25th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
14	John Hickman	1	1	32	Grand Bank	25th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
15	Henry Nicolle	2	3	34	Grand Bank	25th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
16	Henry Nicolle	0	1	21	Grand Bank	25th Oct. 1851	0	5	0	
17	Samuel Corrigan	1	3	20	Trepassey	15th Nov. 1851	0	5	0	
18	Michael Lannan	11	3	13	Great Placentia	15th Nov. 1851	0	12	0	
19	Robert Moggridge	12	0	0	Bay Bulls Road	3rd Dec. 1851	0	12	0	
20	Hon. A. W. DesBarres	23	0	0	Road from Topsail to Kelligrews	22nd Dec. 1851	0	1	0	Granted in lieu of other land, given up.
21	Henry Winton	22	1	0	Topsail Road	7th Jany. 1852	4	13	2	
22	Anne Cookesley	31	3	18	Road leading to Quidi Vidi	4th Jany. 1852	67	10	0	Grant issued for land, the rent on which was redeemed.
23	Benjamin Greer Garrett	1	0	20	Near Forest Pond	5th Feb. 1852	0	5	0	
24	Right. Rev. J. T. Mullock	0	1	2	Road leading to Quidi Vidi	5th Feb. 1852	0	1	0	Granted for the erection of a School House.
25	Laurence Ryan	19	1	17	Logy Bay	19th Feb. 1852	1	0	0	
26	Patrick Keneary	26	1	12	South side South River	19th Feb. 1852	1	7	0	
27	Richard Bulger	1	1	20	Wigmore Gully Road	17th Mar. 1852	1	17	6	
28	Richard Bulger	20	0	0	Wigmore Gully road	17th Mar. 1852	1	8	8	
29	Joshua Green	13	1	0	Brigus, Conception Bay	20th Mar. 1852	1	9	2	
30	Thomas Howlet	7	2	0	Goulds.	23rd Mar. 1852	0	8	0	
31	Rev. E. O'Keefe	21	0	0	Harbor Main, Con. Bay	24th Mar. 1852	1	2	0	
32	Patrick O'Neil	5	2	17	Cats Cove, Con. Bay	24th Mar. 1852	0	6	0	

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SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S RETURN OF GRANTS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st OCT., 1852.

No.	NAME OF GRANTEE.	CONTE'TS.			WHERE SITUATE.	DATE OF REGIS-TRY.	COST OF GRANT.	REMARKS.
		A.	R.	P.				
33	Noah Roberts	0	3	24	Brigus	10th April, 1852	£ 0 5 0	
34	Edmund Botterell	1	1	16	St. John's	10th April	0 5 0	
35	George Pomeroy	3	1	18	Catalina	12th April	0 5 0	
36	Patrick Casey	11	3	24	Topsail, Conception Bay	21st April	0 12 0	
37	John Whiteway	31	2	28	St. Johns	24th April	2 4 0	
38	Michael Waddleton and George Waddleton	16	0	28	Trepassey	4th May	17 15 10	
39	John Conway	24	1	34	Distress, Placentia Bay	7th May	1 10 0	
40	Thomas Kelly	8	0	0	Great Placentia	8th May	0 10 0	
41	Edmund Doran	11	1	9	Great Placentia	8th May	0 12 0	
42	Patrick Hennessey and William Walsh	14	2	38	Becford, near Branch, St. Mary's Bay	8th May	0 15 0	
43	Richard Houndsell	3	3	0	Pinchards Island	15th May	0 5 0	
44	J. Kelly and C. Kelly	2	0	35	Pinchards Island	21st May	0 5 0	
45	John White	23	3	0	Goulds, district Bay Bulls	20th May	2 12 0	
46	John Piercey	5	0	0	Robin Hoods, near Trinity	24th May	0 5 0	
47	Maurice Kiersey	5	0	29	Cape Broyle	25th May	0 6 0	
48	James Ryan	0	3	30	St. John's	25th May	0 1 0	Grant issued in 1839 having been lost or destroyed in the fire of 1846, a new Grant, on application of James Ryan, was issued.
49	George Hunter	10	0	12	Grand Bank	27th May	1 4 9	
50	William Kean	14	1	4	Pools Island	28th May	0 15 0	
51	John Gregory	0	2	35	Ferryland	28th May	0 5 0	
52	Mary Gladney	30	2	0	St. John's	28th May	3 4 7	
53	Edward Fitzgerald	22	0	0	Trepassey	29th May	2 7 8	
54	James Bonnell	1	0	22	Lamalaine	31st May	0 5 0	
55	R. King, and J. King	3	2	37	Lamalaine	2nd June	0 9 0	
56	Stephen O. Pack	31	1	1	Lamalaine	2nd June	3 12 0	
57	John Duke Buckingham	3	2	32	Long pond, Port de Grave	5th June	3 5 0	
58	Mark Delaney, Jos. Delaney, M. Delaney, S. Delaney & T. Delany	5	3	0	Bay Roberts, Con. Bay	5th June	3 6 0	

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No.	NAME OF GRANTEE.	CONTENTS OF LOT.			WHERE SITUATE.	DATE OF REGISTRY.	COST OF GRANT.		
		A.	R.	P.			£	s.	d.
59	Thos. Stack & John Stack	30	0	0	Outer Cove	7th June, 1852	£2	0	0
60	John Hayward	147	0	0	Harbor Grace	11th " "	0	1	0
61	Michael Walsh	14	0	0	Carbonear	14th " "	0	14	0
62	Michael Neil	10	2	30	Road from St. John's to Portugal Cove	14th " "	0	11	0
63	Patrick Harrington	8	1	8	Carbonear	" "	0	9	0
64	Thomas Coady	12	1	22	Petty Harbor road	20th July, "	0	13	0
65	John Tilly	31	3	33	Upper Shoal Harbor, Random Sound, Trinity Bay	29th " "	3	12	0
66	Joshua Mauger Niccolle	48	3	21	Jersey Harbor, Eortune Bay	20th " "	3	0	0
67	Thos. Newman, Thomas Newman Hunt, & T. Holdsworth Newman	25	0	5	Harbor Briton, Fortune Bay	" "	1	12	0
	Thos. Newman, Thomas Newman Hunt, & T. Holdsworth Newman								
68	Thos. Newman, Thomas Newman Hunt, & T. Holdsworth Newman	20	0	23	Hermitage Cove, Hermitage Bay	" "	1	2	0
	Thos. Newman, Thomas Newman Hunt, & T. Holdsworth Newman								
69	Michael Skeehan	11	3	34	Road from St. John's to Portugal Cove	16th June, "	0	12	0
70	E. Lee Moore and Sarah Sydney Holden	15	0	0	Road from St. John's to Placentia	3d Aug. "	0	15	0
	E. Lee Moore and Sarah Sydney Holden								
71	Patrick Roach	6	1	29	Renewse	8th " "	0	8	0
72	Charles Calpin	19	3	8	Bay Roberts	25th " "	1	0	0
73	James Winter	1	0	32	Lamaline	27th " "	0	5	0
74	Edward Shea	19	1	0	St. John's, Bay Bulls road	28th " "	2	5	0
75	Thomas Harris	1	1	22	Grand Bank	3d Sept, "	0	3	2
76	Edward and John Ryan	13	1	0	Colliers, Conception Bay	3d " "	0	14	0
77	Stephen Janes	41	2	24	Catalina	9th " "	4	7	6
78	John William Saunders	0	1	24	Renewse	10th " "	0	5	0
79	George Ivamy	16	0	17	Robin Hoods, Trinity Bay	10th " "	1	15	5
80	John Lawrence	27	3	0	Bonavista	11th " "	3	1	3
81	Thomas Eppes Gaden	2	2	37	Harbor Briton	15th " "	0	5	0
82	Catherine Butler	3	1	10	Harbor Grace	22nd " "	0	5	0
83	George T. Brooking	.....	.....	.....	Town Lot in Duckworth-street	Nov. 1851	Nil		
84	Bridget Cormack	Ditto ditto	" 1852	"		
85	Andrew Fitzgerald	Ditto in Prince's-street	2nd Aug. 1852	"		

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J. NOAD, Surveyor-General.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF GRANTS OF MONEY AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF THE CROWN LANDS' ACT, PASSED IN 1844.

EXPENDITURE.		STERLING.	GRANTS.	STERLING.
Expended in the year	1844	£57 2 3	In the Session of	1844 £300 0 0
Ditto	1845	101 18 1	Ditto	1845 300 0 0
Ditto	1846	252 8 4	Ditto	1846 300 0 0
Ditto	1847	336 13 5	Ditto	1847 300 0 0
Ditto	1848	175 16 9	Ditto	1849 100 0 0
Ditto	1849	100 14 6	Ditto	1850 300 0 0
Ditto	1850	202 4 3		
Ditto	1851	150 11 7		
Ditto	1852	109 14 6		
Unexpended balance	112 16 4		
		£1,600 0 0		£ 1,600 0 0

Unexpended balance..... £112 16 4

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J. NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR OF CROWN LANDS AT TREPASSEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1852.

NAME OF PURCHASER.	CONTENTS OF LOT.			WHERE SITUATE.	UPSET PRICE PER ACRE.	SOLD AT PER ACRE.	TOTAL COST OF LOT.	EXPENSE OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R.	P.							
Edward Fitzgerald	21	1	14	Trepassey	2s.	2s. 2d.	£ 2 7 8	£7	J. S. Simms, Dep.-Surveyor, Trepassey.	The charge for surveying includes travelling expenses, Chainman, Plan & Survey.—Mr. Simms received £5 in 1851, and £2 in 1852.
M. and G. Waddleton	16	0	28	Ditto	...	22s.	17 15 10			
John Cullen	3	1	0	.....	...	2 1	0 8 4	
Thomas Hollahan	3	1	15	.....	...	2 1	0 8 4	
Richard White	4	2	7	.....	...	2 1	0 10 5	
John Hewett	7	1	15	.....	...	2 1	0 16 8	
Joseph Corragan	3	3	10	.....	...	11	2 4 0	
William Pennell	11	1	4	.....	...	2 1	1 5 0	
S. and W. Hewett	4	1	22	.....	...	2 1	0 10 5	
Henry Curtis	3	1	16	.....	...	2 1	0 8 4	
John Curtis	3	3	2	.....	...	2 1	0 8 4	
James Hollahan	2	1	32	5s. for the lot.		0 5 10			
Samuel Taylor.	1	3	6	5s. for the lot.		0 5 10			
							£ 27 15 0			

J. NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

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SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF MONIES EXPENDED UNDER
EXPENDITURE.

		Sterling.
1851.	To amount paid J. C. Withers, for advertising Blank Grant Petitions, &c., as per Duplicate, Voucher No. 1	£17 15 2
	To amount paid Mr. McConnan, as per account forwarded to the Hon. Colonial Secretary—copy thereof Voucher No. 2	2 19 0
1852—Feb. 11.	—To amount paid Edmund Hanrahan, Esq., Deputy Surveyor, Carbonear, as per account forwarded to Hon. Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 3	10 12 6
	“ To amount paid John English, Deputy Surveyor, Branch, &c, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 4	10 0 0
	“ To amount paid John Delaney, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof V'chr. No. 5	9 7 6
March.	To amount paid Dicks & Brace, for Stationery, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 6	1 14 2
“	To amount paid Benjamin Sweetland, Deputy Surveyor, Trinity, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 7	11 17 6
May 3.	To amount paid John S. Simms, Esq., Deputy Surveyor, Trepassey, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 8	2 10 0
“	To amount paid John English, Deputy Surveyor, Branche, &c., as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 9	7 10 0
June —	To amount paid Joshua Green, Deputy Surveyor, Brigus, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 10	6 5 0
Oct. —	To amount paid Denis Walsh and John Dunn, cutting boundary lines at £2 per mile, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 11	3 9 4
“	To amount paid Mr. W. R. Noad, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 12	18 6 3
Dec. —	To amount paid John S. Simms, Deputy Surveyor, Trepassey, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 13	1 10 0
—	To paid Denis Walsh balance due him for opening boundary line or path on the South-side of the Topsail road, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 14	2 12 0
	To amount of Incidental Account—Voucher No. 15	3 6 1
	To balance carried down	11 1 6
		£120 16 0

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THE CROWN LANDS' ACT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st Oct. 1852.

RECEIPTS.

1851.

Balance brought from accounts ending 1st Oct. 1851.	£14	7	7
By Warrant in favour of Mr. McConnan	.....	2	19	0
By Ditto ditto J. C. Withers	.....	17	15	2
By Ditto ditto E. Hanrahan	.....	10	12	6
By Ditto ditto John English	.....	10	0	0
By Ditto ditto John Delaney	.....	9	7	6
By Ditto ditto Dicks & Brace	.....	1	14	2
By Ditto ditto E. Sweetland	.....	11	17	6
By Ditto ditto J. S. Simms	.....	2	10	0
By Ditto ditto John English	.....	7	10	0
By Ditto ditto Joshua Green	.....	6	5	0
By Ditto ditto Walsh and Dunn	.....	3	9	4

1852.

By Ditto ditto W. R. Noad, Deputy Surveyor	.....	18	6	3
By Ditto ditto J. S. Simms, Deputy Surveyor	.....	1	10	0
By Ditto ditto Dennis Walsh	.....	2	12	0

£120 16 0

By Balance brought down, as in hand 1st October, 1852.

..... £11 1 6

8th March, 1853.

J. NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

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VOUCHER No. 1.—DUPLICATE.

THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

TO J. C. WITHERS.

DR.

1851.

Jany. 7.—	To inserting in <i>Gazette</i> notice of sale of Crown Property at Holyrood	£0	9	0
	“ Continuing ditto, January 14. 21. (twice) 3s.	0	6	0
March 11.—	“ Advertising sale of Crown Lands’	0	17	6
	“ Continuing ditto twice 5s. 10d.	0	11	8
April 1.—	“ Printing 200 copies Land Grants—8 $\frac{1}{3}$ quires, at 9s.	3	5	0
	“ Paid for paper for ditto “ 2s. 6d.	1	0	10
4.—	“ Printing 200 Blank Land Petitions—8 $\frac{1}{3}$ quires, at 5s. ...	2	1	8
22.—	“ Advertising sale of Crown Lands at Brigus	1	0	0
	“ Continuing ditto twice 6s. 8d.	0	13	4
29.—	“ Advertising four Lots on Lease	0	13	6
	“ Continuing ditto twice 2s. 6d.	0	9	0
July 8.—	“ Advertising notice of Tenders received for making Tanks, &c.	0	10	6
August 26.—	“ Advertising sale of Crown Lands	0	15	0
	“ Continuing ditto September 2. 9. (twice) 5s.	0	10	0
Sept. 23.—	“ Advertising sale of Crown Lands at Lamaline	0	12	0
	“ Continuing ditto Sept. 30. Oct. 7., 4s. 0d.	0	8	0
Oct. 11.—	“ Printing 100 Circulars, to parties occupying Wooden Sheds	0	10	0
Nov. 18.—	“ Advertising sale of Crown Lands	2	17	6
	“ Continuing ditto, Nov. 25. Dec. 2., 19s. 2d.	1	18	4
	“ 1 year’s subscription to <i>Gazette</i>	1	1	0

Cy. £20 9 10

Stg. £17 15 2

Dec. 31st, 1851.

Settled.

J. C. WITHERS.

VOUCHER No. 3.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR OF CROWN LANDS AT CARBONEAR, YEAR ENDING THE 1ST OCTOBER, 1851.

Name of Purchaser.	No. of Lot.	Contents of Lot.			Where situate.	Days employ'd.	Rate p. diem.	Total expense of Survey.	By whom Surveyed.	Remarks.
		A.	R.	P.						
R. Coughlan	1	25	2	11	Bryants Cove	2				12 miles travelled
John Murphy	1	8	0	0	Labrador	2				"
Rev. B. Duffy	4	58	2	12	Northern Bay	4				18
P. Doutney	1	6	3	7	Jobs Cove	1				19
Michael Doyle	1	6	3	15	.....	1				19
John Doyle	1	0	2	5	Harbor Grace	1	12s. 6d.		E. Hanrahan	4
P. Harrington	1	8	1	8	Carbonear	1				1½
J. McAlister	2	4	1	31	.....	1				1½
T. McCarthy	1	1	2	16	Spaniards Bay	1				12
Michael Walsh	1	15	0	0	Carbonear	1				1½
Jas. Mullins	2	15	1	13	Spaniards Bay	2				12
	16	150	3	38		17	£10 12 6			

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The amount charged includes the charge for Chainman, travelling expenses, and Plans.

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VOUCHER No. 4.

THE GOVERNMENT,

TO JOHN ENGLISH. DR.

1852.—For surveying 15 Lots of Land, situated in Placentia Bay, for the undermentioned persons, and for preparing Diagram for such surveys, 16 days' work at 12s. 6d. per day, including travelling expenses and Chainman :—

	A.	R.	P.
Placentia—William Cooke, 2 lots	17	1	35
Robert Petterson	5	3	6
Walter Fewer	11	3	13
Francis Money	0	2	13
Patrick Ryan	4	1	24
Edmund Larkin	14	3	15
Ann Larkin	4	0	6
Patrick Riley	8	2	4
James Kelly	31	2	9
Thomas Foley	17	1	35
Mathew Grace	15	3	26
Ditto Ditto	1	3	20
Joseph Colliers	8	1	10
Barrisway—Patrick Keefe	52	2	36
	<u>195</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>
16 Days' work at 12s. 6d. per day	£10	0	0

I certify that the above account is correct, and that diagrams for the above-named persons are lodged in my office.

JOS. NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

23rd February, 1852.

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VOUCHER, No. 5.

THE GOVERNMENT,

TO JOHN DELANY, DR.
Deputy Surveyor Crown Lands.

Contents of Lots.	Names of Persons for whom surveys have been made.	Where situate.	No. of Days employed,	Total Amount.
Beach	Dennis O'Neil.....	Holyrood	1	12s. 6d.
Ditto	John Maddon	Ditto	1	12s. 6d.
A. R. P.				
30 0 0	Bart. Brien	Lower Gulleys	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	Ditto Ditto	Ditto Ditto	1	12s. 6d.
10 0 0	Thomas Conway...	Long Pond	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	— Ridoubt	Ditto Ditto	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	Thomas Quigley	Colinet	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	For Sale	Long Pond	1	12s. 6d.
50 0 0	Edward Quigley	Harry Cove	2	£1 5s.
30 0 0	For Sale	Long Pond	1	1 5s.
30 0 0	Ditto	Salmonier	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	Ditto	Ditto	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	Ditto	Ditto	1	12s. 6d.
30 0 0	Ditto	Ditto	1	12s. 6d.
			15	£9 7s. 6d.

St. John's, Feb., 1852.

The charge for surveying, includes the expense of chaining, travelling expenses and plans.

JOHN DELANY,
Deputy Surveyor

I certify that the above account is correct ; that diagrams for the above-named persons are lodged in my office ; and that I consider the charge made as reasonable.

JOSEPH NOAD, Sur. Gen.

Received the above amount.

JOHN DELANY.

Crown Lands.

VOUCHER, No. 6.

DR. SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

TO DICK'S & BRACE.

1851.—January 2.—To 50 Envelopes .....	.....	£0 1 0
April 15.—Binding Grants .....	.....	0 15 0
July 15.—One 3 quire Demy Book .....	.....	0 15 0
“ “ One 4 quire Foolscap ditto .....	.....	0 6 6
October 23.—One Index, 1s. 3d., 1 title 9d. ....	.....	0 2 0
		Cy.—£1 19 6
		Stg.—£1 14 2

Received the above for the use of the Surveyor General's office.

[Signed]

JOSEPH NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

8th January, 1852.

VOUCHER No. 7.

DR. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

TO BENJAMIN SWEETLAND, *Deputy-Surveyor Crown Lands.*

To the undermentioned Surveys.

Situation of Lot.	Contents.			Purchaser.	Miles travelled.	Rate per diem.	Number of days.	
	A.	R.	P.					
Catalina	41	0	27	S. Janes	18	12s. 6d.	2	£1 5 0
Ditto	2	0	1	E. Willis	...	.....	1	0 12 7
Ditto	0	3	8	R. Pearce	...	.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	0 6 3
Ditto	1	1	8	F. Hiscock	...	.....	1	0 12 6
Ditto	3	1	18	G. Pomroy, old possessor	...	.....	1	0 12 6
Robin Hoods	4	2	26	I. Butler	3	.....	1	0 12 6
Smith Sound	6	1	11	W. Taverner	25	}	6	3 15 0
Ditto	5	0	8	J. Late	...			
Ditto	6	0	24	G. Ivamy	...			
Ditto	2	1	3	J. Taverner	...	.....	1	0 12 6
Robin Hoods	1	1	14	J. Butler	3	.....	1	0 12 6
Ditto	2	3	22	W. Miller	$2\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	0 12 6
Quarry Brook	2	2	0	J. Carberry	20	.....	2	1 5 0
Robin Hoods	5	0	8	T. Northover	$2\frac{3}{4}$	.....	1	0 12 6
Ditto	15	3	34	G. Ivamy Jr.	3	.....	$1\frac{1}{2}$	0 18 9
								£11 17 6

Trinity, December 20th, 1851.

B. SWEETLAND, D.S.

Crown Lands.

VOUCHER, No. 8.

DR. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

TO JOHN S. SIMMS, *Dep.-Sur. Crown Lands.*

Where situate.	Quantity.			Applicant.
	A.	R.	P.	
Trepassey.....	1	2	31	Samuel Corrigan
Trepassey.....	3	3	2	John Curtis
Trepassey.....	1	3	6	Samuel Taylor
Trepassey.....	3	1	0	John Cullan
Trepassey.....	3	1	16	Henry Curtis
	13	3	15	

DR. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT

To JOHN S. SIMMS, *Dep.-Sur. Crown Lands.*

For Surveying five lots of land, as per above list, and Diagrams—5 days at 10s.
per day.....Stg.—£2 10 0

I certify that the above-named account is correct.

JOS. NOAD,
Surveyor-General.

3rd May, 1852.

VOUCHER No. 9.

THE GOVERNMENT,

TO JOHN ENGLISH. DR.

1852.—For 12 days' work, at 12s. 6d. per day, Surveying 9 lots of land and preparing Diagrams for the same, including travelling expenses and Chainmen, Viz.:—

	A.	R.	P.
St. Mary's Bay—Thomas Nash.....	7	1	4
Michael English.....	0	2	3
James Hennessey.....	30	0	0
Michael Boane, North Harbor.....	12	1	25
Placentia Bay—Martin Conway, Distress.....	30	0	0
Elizabeth Conway.....	30	0	0
Thomas Conway.....	23	3	30
Richard Prendergast.....	26	2	12
To be sold.....	30	0	0

12 days Surveying, plotting, travelling expenses, Chainmen, &c. £7 10 0

I certify that the above account is correct.

JOSEPH NOAD.

Crown Lands.

VOUCHER No. 10.

LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR LANDS, TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, UNDER CROWN LANDS' BILL.

Names of Persons.	Where situate.	Quantity of Land.			Price for last Survey.
		A.	R.	P.	
Matthew Whelan	River-head, Colliers	5	1	13	12s. 6d.
Philip Walsh	Grant's Marsh	2	1	12	.....
John Kennedy	Ditto	3	1	0	.....
John & Denis Fuar	Ditto	5	3	10	.....
Timothy Sullivan	Chappels Cove	2	3	36	.....
David Whelan	River-head Colliers	5	0	21	.....
John Burke	Ditto	3	0	16	.....
William Philips	Ditto	2	1	17	.....
Samuel Whelan	Colliers	0	3	22	.....
Willam & Thos. Fuar	Grant's Marsh	2	2	32	.....
					£6 5 0

26th December, 1851.

JOSHUA GREEN,

Deputy Surveyor Crown Lands.

I hereby certify that diagrams for the above-named persons are lodged in my office; and that I consider the charge made as reasonable.

(Signed,)

JOSEPH NOAD, Sur. Gen.

26th June, 1852.

VOUCHER, No. 11.

THE GOVERNMENT

TO DENIS WALSH AND JOHN DUNN, DR.

1852:			
Sept.—	To opening boundary lines on the Topsail Road	.....	£2 0 0 Cy.
	“ To opening boundary lines—80 chains near Knight's Arm		2 0 0
			<u>4 0 0</u>
			Stg. £3 9 4

I certify that the above account is correct.
1st Oct. 1852.

(Signed,)

J. NOAD,
Sur. Gen.

Crown Lands.

VOUCHER 12.

THE GOVERNMENT,

1852.

TO WILLIAM R. NOAD.

DR.

Name of party for whom survey has been made.	Contents.			Where situate.	£ s d			
	A.	R.	P.		£	s	d	
Cooksley Anne	31	3	18	Quidi Vidi Lake Road	12	6		
Morris Mary	28	1	0	Near Circular Road	12	6		
Aylward Catherine	3	2	37	Bay Bulls Road	12	6		
Smith Alexander	..	..	..	Ditto			
Aylward Redmond	20	0	0	Ditto	12	6		
Aylward John	22	3	19	Near Windermere Lake				
Clarke Richard	20	0	0	Bay Bulls Pond	12	6		
Shea John	15	2	10	Ditto.				
Shelly Charles	10	3	0	Ditto.	12	6		
Madon John and Luke	26	3	0	Petty Harbor Road	12	6		
Madon Denis	12	0	0	Ditto	6	3		
Whelan James	30	0	0	Portugal Cove Road	18	9		
Connors Catharine	8	0	0	Ditto				
Skeehan Michael	11	3	34	Ditto				
Whelan James	18	2	0	Ditto	1	5	0	
Neil Michael	10	2	30	Ditto				
Blackwood Andrew	50	0	0	Near Mount Ken	12	6		
Calpin Charles	19	3	8	Bay Roberts	12	6		
Picco Julia	6	3	0	Portugal Cove Road	12	6		
Mullock Rt. Rev. Dr.	0	1	0	Near Quidi Vidi	12	6		
Northway William	2	0	0	Portugal Cove Road	6	3		
Surveying and laying out new road betw'n. Topsail road and Placentia road	..	..	..	.....	3	2	6
General plan of lands thereon	..	..	..	.....	3	0	0
Survey of S'side above Job's bridge, Do. of North-side to Gas Works	..	..	..	.....	1	5	0
Princes Street (6 lots)	..	..	..	.....	1	5	0
					Stg. £	18	6	3

I certify that the Surveys enumerated above have been made ; that the same are lodged in my office, and that I consider the charge made as reasonable.

Signed,

JOSEPH NOAD,
Sur. Gen.

5th October, 1852.

Crown Lands.

VOUCHER, No. 13.

DR. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
TO JOHN S. SIMMS, *Dep.-Sur. Crown Lands.*

Where situate.	Quantity.	Applicant.
	A. R. P.	
Trepassey.....	0 2 38	George Simms
Trepassey.....	0 3 24	George Simms
Trepassey.....	8 2 0	George Simms & W. Sutton.

DR. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
To JOHN S. SIMMS, *Dep.-Sur. Crown Lands.*
For Surveying 3 lots of land, as per above list, and Diagrams—10s. per lot...Stg. £1 10 0

I certify that the above account is correct.
JOS. NOAD,
Surveyor-General.
9th Dec., 1852.

VOUCHER, No. 14.

THE GOVERNMENT
TO DENIS WALSH DR.

To opening boundary line or path on the south side of the Topsail road, near Topsail.....	£5 0 0
By amount pre-paid him.....	2 0 0
	<u>Cy.—£3 0 0</u>

Certified for Three Pounds currency.
JOSEPH NOAD.
13th Nov., 1852.

VOUCHER, No. 15.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

1852.—April 17.—To cash paid Mrs. Brine (widow) to enable her to remove her shed from Government ground—the latter being required for public purposes.....	£2 0 0
To cash paid S. Allen, passage to W. R. Noad for the purpose of making Survey.....	1 0 0
To cash paid Walsh and Mugford.....	0 3 9
“ “ “ J. Elward, hire of horse and waggon to go to Topsail to sell Crown Lands—(no receipt was taken).....	0 12 6
	<u>Cy. £3 16 3</u>
	Stg. £3 6 1

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

**DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES IN
REPLY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE SUBJECT OF
THE ENCROACHMENTS OF THE FRENCH ON THE FISHERIES OF
THIS COLONY.**

[Copy.]

No. 13.

DOWNING STREET,
18th June, 1852. }

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches No. 3 and 7, of the 29th January, and 20th of February last, relative to the encroachments of the French on the British fishing grounds off the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I transmit for your information Copies of a correspondence which has passed between this Department and the Foreign Office, which place you in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government on this subject, and of the measures which it has been deemed proper to adopt to protect British Interests within the limits of your Government.

The Vice Admiral Commanding on the North American Station, having been ordered to proceed to Newfoundland for the purpose of engaging your Schooners, which are to be manned from his Flag Ship, and to be employed, together with a Steam Sloop, in the protection of the Fisheries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and off the Coasts of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, you will avail yourself of the opportunity to confer personally with that officer on the important object of his mission, and afford him all the assistance in your power, so as to enable him to fulfil his instructions.

I have to add that Her Majesty's Steam Vessel "Janus" has been destined for the Service of Newfoundland, and will remain off that Island until the 30th of September.

You will inform the Chamber of Commerce of the substance of this Despatch.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

JOHN S. PAKINGTON.

Governor Sir J. G. LeMarchant

&c. &c. &c.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY.

[Copy.]

FOREIGN OFFICE,
May 19th, 1852. }

SIR,—I have laid before the Earl of Malmesbury your letters of the 14th of March, & 10th of April, upon the subject of the Newfoundland Fishery, and the rights of Great Britain and France respectively in this matter; and I am directed by His Lordship, to acquaint you, with reference to your letter of the 14th August last, that the Commissioners appointed by the British and French Governments to enter into negotiations in this respect, will shortly meet

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for the purpose of commencing their proceedings; and I transmit to you, herewith, for the information of Secretary Sir John Pakington, copies of the instructions which have been given to Sir Anthony Perrier, the British Commissioner.

I am, &c.

(Signed,)

Herman Merivale, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

H. A. ADDINGTON.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERY.

[Copy]

No. 4.

FOREIGN OFFICE,
May 18, 1852. }

SIR,—Count Walewski, the French Ambassador at this Court, has stated to me that M. de Bon, who, as you were informed by Viscount Palmerston's Despatch No. 3 of the 19th of December last, was selected by the French Government to act as a Commissioner on the part of France, to re-open negotiations with Great Britain on the subject of the Newfoundland Fishery, is now prepared to enter upon this matter with the British Commissioner; and I have accordingly to desire that you will arrange with M. de Bon as to the locality in which your negotiations are to be carried on, and forthwith enter upon them, adhering in the first instance to the instructions which were given to you in Lord Palmerston's Despatch No. 2 of the 22d August last, namely, to receive and learn from the French Commissioner the proposals which he may have to make for settling this question, (such proposals to be held as the starting point of the present negotiations,) and subsequently applying to me for directions for your future guidance.

I transmit to you, herewith, for your information, copies of Count Walewski's letter and of my reply.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

MALMESBURY.

Sir Anthony Perrier, &c., &c., &c.

[Copy]

No. 5.

FOREIGN OFFICE,
May 18, 1852. }

SIR,—I transmit to you, herewith, for your information, copies of two Letters and their enclosures from the Colonial Office upon the subject of the alleged encroachments of French subjects employed in the Newfoundland Fishery upon the coasts of that Island.

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The merits of the complaints thus made by British subjects will have to be duly investigated by you during the course of your negotiations with M. de Bon, and you will judge and report to me upon the best mode of providing against a recurrence of unpleasant disputes between the subjects and authorities of the two countries; but you will not make any allusion to British causes of annoyance until you shall have followed the instructions given to you in my Despatch No. 4 of this day's date.

I am, &c.

(Signed,)

MALMESBURY.

Sir Anthony Perrier, &c. &c.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

in reply to the Address of last Session, on Free Trade with Canada and the United States.

[COPY]--No. 20.

DOWNING-STREET,
26th August, 1852.)

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT'S Despatch, No. 40, of the 23rd June, transmitting two Addresses to the Queen, one from the Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, praying that further Naval protection may be afforded to the Fisheries of the Island; the other from the House of Assembly, praying that the interests of the colony may not be overlooked in any arrangement which may be made for the establishment of Reciprocal Free Trade between the United States and the British North American Provinces. I have laid these addresses before the Queen, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously.

With respect to the first Address, I have to instruct you to communicate to the Council and House of Assembly the substance of my Despatch of the 18th of June last, which will place the Legislature in possession of the measures adopted by Her Majesty's Government for the due protection of the Fisheries on the coasts: and, with regard to the second Address, you will acquaint the House of Assembly that the subject will receive the serious consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN S. PACKINGTON.

The Officer Administering the
Government of Newfoundland,

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**DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN REPLY TO THE ADDRESS
ON RECIPROCAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.**

[Copy.]—No. 11.

 DOWNING-STREET,
5th April, 1853. }

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, marked "Separate," of the 23rd of February, transmitting a Petition to the Queen from the House of Assembly, praying that Newfoundland may be included in any Treaty for the establishment of Reciprocal Trade which may be entered into between this country and the United States.

I have laid this Petition before the Queen, and I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct you to acquaint the Petitioners that the negotiation for a new commercial convention between this country and the United States is suspended, in consequence of the change of Government in America; but that the wishes of the House of Assembly will receive the careful attention of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

NEWCASTLE.

 Governor Hamilton, &c., &c., &c.,
Newfoundland.

**DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, ON THE
SUBJECT OF THE INLAND POSTAL ACT.**

Copy.

No. 39.

 DOWNING STREET,
23rd December, 1852. }

SIR,—I have had under my consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland, in their recent Session, entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of the Inland Posts," and with reference to the 16th clause of this Act, which provides that a portion of the Imperial Packet Postage shall be retained to defray the expenses of the Post-office Establishment in the colony, I transmit the copy of a letter from the Postmaster General to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Concurring in the opinion expressed by the Earl of Hardwicke, it is not in my power to advise Her Majesty to assent to any act of this nature, which authorises the retention, by the local Government, of any portion of the Imperial Packet Postage collected in Newfoundland.

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You will therefore bring the subject again under the notice of the Legislature, with a view to the Amendment of the Act.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed,)

JOHN S. PAKINGTON.

The Officer
Administering the Government
of Newfoundland.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS—

I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordships the copy of a letter which has been addressed to me from the Colonial Office, enclosing the copy of an Act No. 139 passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland in June last, intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts;" and with reference to the enquiry of Sir John Pakington, whether any objection exists to the confirmation of this Act by Her Majesty, I beg leave to point out to Your Lordships that I cannot for a moment recommend that any portion of the Imperial Packet Postage should be permitted to be retained by the Colonial Government towards defraying the expenses of the Post-office establishment in that colony, and that, as a retention of one-sixth of all such Postage is contemplated by the 16th Section of this Act, I am of opinion that it should not receive confirmation in its present shape.

Your Lordships will observe that it is stated, in the extract of a Report from the Attorney General of Newfoundland, which accompanies the Act, that this appropriation of one-sixth of the Packet Postage levied in the colony is made in accordance with a similar provision in the Nova Scotia Post-office Act. I must therefore inform Your Lordships that the Attorney General is under some misapprehension in this respect—as the entire amount of Packet Postage collected in Nova Scotia has been remitted to this country ever since the control of the Posts in that Province was surrendered to the local government.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

HARDWICKE.

General Post-office, }
10th December, 1852. }

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**DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE SUBJECT OF
OCEAN POSTAGE.**

[COPY.]—Circular.

 DOWNING-STREET,
 5th April, 1853. }

SIR,—With reference to Earl Grey's Circular Despatch of the 27th December, 1850, recommending the establishment of a Book Postal Communication between this country and the British colonies, I have to acquaint you that it is the desire of Her Majesty's Government to carry out a suggestion made by my predecessor, Sir John Pakington, for extending the benefit of a cheap and uniform Postage to colonial correspondence.

Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to adopt an uniform sixpenny rate for all colonial letters within a specified weight, so soon as the circumstances which the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury may think it their duty to take into consideration will permit, upon its being ascertained that those colonies whose Postal arrangements are independent of this country, are willing to acquiesce in the proposed arrangement.

I transmit, for your information and guidance, a copy of the correspondence which has passed on this subject between this office and the General Post Office; and I shall be happy to receive your Report in favor of including the colony under your Government in the proposed scheme. But you must bear in mind that it is essential to the effectual working of the scheme that it be adopted in its integrity by the colonies.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

NEWCASTLE.

 Governor Hamilton, &c., &, &c.,
 Newfoundland.

 DOWNING STREET,
 21st September, 1852. }

SIR,—I am directed by Secretary Sir John Pakington to acquaint you, for the information of the Postmaster-General, that he has received numerous applications, both from the colonies and from this country, praying that the benefits of a cheap and uniform Postage may be extended to colonial communication.

I am desired to inform you that Sir John Pakington concurs with the Petitioners as to the advantages which would result from the concession, and that he is favourably disposed to it, if the arrangement can be effected without serious difficulty; and I am to request that you will move the Earl of Hardwicke to favor Sir John Pakington with his opinion on the subject.

I am also directed to acquaint you, that, owing to the large and increasing amount of emigration to the British colonies, and to the desire of persons who prosper there to send home money in order to assist their relations to follow them from this country, the want has grown up of an opportunity of numerous small remittances from the colonies. From North America they are made to a very large amount, indeed, which was estimated at more than £1,000,000 sterling in the past year, through the intervention of private firms; but those

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firms complain much of the trouble and responsibility which they involve; and in some cases where houses of inferior respectability may be employed, the poor are liable to be defrauded of the benefits intended for them. There can be no doubt that the practice, on the part of persons who have improved their condition by emigration, of sending home money to enable their friends to follow them, is highly laudable, and that it is deserving of encouragement both in a moral and social point of view. In Australia, however, the habit has not yet become nearly so general as in North America, and it is not improbable that, to some considerable extent, it is checked by the want of convenient and readily intelligible means of sending home the requisite funds.

Under these circumstances, the question has been proposed, whether it might not be possible to extend to colonial correspondence the system of making payments by Post Office Orders, which has been so successful in this country; and I am to request that you will bring the subject, with the foregoing statements, under the notice of the Earl of Hardwicke, and will inform me whether the suggestion appears to his Lordship one which could be entertained, and rendered fit for practical adoption. If this result could be secured, Sir John Pakington believes it would be a great boon to the colonies, and to the humbler classes in this country.

I have, &c.,

[Signed]

W. H. MERIVALE.

Lieut.-Colonel Maberly, &c., &c., &c.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, }
8th October 1852. }

SIR,—The Postmaster-General has had under consideration your letter of the 21st ultimo, and with reference to that portion of it which relates to the proposed extension of a cheap and uniform Postage to letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the several British Colonies, I am directed by His Lordship to transmit to you, for the information of Sir John Pakington, the enclosed copy of a letter which he addressed to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury on this subject in April last, with a copy of the reply of their Lordships; and I have to state, that the Postmaster General will be glad to know whether the measure proposed in this correspondence is such as Sir John Pakington has in view. If so, the Postmaster General will be prepared to renew his application to the Treasury on this subject.

I have &c.,

(Signed,)

J. TILLEY,

Assistant Secretary.

A. Merivale, Esq.

&c. &c. &c.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HER
MAJESTY'S TREASURY.

MY LORDS—

My predecessor, in a letter dated the 9th September 1850, brought under the consideration of Your Lordships' Board, the importance of establishing uniform rates of Postage upon letters, newspapers, books, and Parliamentary proceedings, transmitted either by packet or private ship between the United Kingdom and all British Colonies, and of combining in such uniform rates the total charge, imperial and colonial, to destination, by which means it was proposed to afford to the public the option of paying the whole of the postage (as regards letters,) in advance, either in this country or in the colony, or of forwarding the letters unpaid.

As a preliminary measure, letters were addressed by the Treasury to the Secretary of State for the colonies, and to the Secretary of the India Board, acquainting them with the proposition which had been made by the Postmaster-General, and requesting that the necessary information relative to the rates charged in the several colonies, and in the East Indies, on letters, &c., might be furnished.

The required information has, up to the present time, been received from Heligoland, the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Labuan, South Australia, Van Dieman's Land, New South Wales, St. Helena, and Sierra Leone; and although there remain several colonies from which no reports have yet been received, there appears nevertheless sufficient information to serve as the basis of a general measure for the Crown colonies, leaving the East Indies to be dealt with when the requisite particulars are supplied.

The information gathered from the reports made by the several colonies confirms the impression of my predecessor, that in no other instance than that of Heligoland (which was proposed to be exempted from the arrangement in respect to the amount of its rate), the establishment of a shilling rate would raise the present total charge; while there are comparatively but few cases in which such arrangements would materially lower the charge.

The most striking of these cases is that of Ceylon, where it appears that, even upon the letters conveyed direct from this country by British contract packets, and consequently without any expense to the Colonial Government, a sea rate of 1s. is nevertheless added to the Colonial Post-office, which just doubles the cost to the public—thus raising a great obstacle to correspondence, and injuring the home revenue:—a state of things shewing the necessity for some such arrangement as that proposed by my predecessor.

There appears every reason, therefore, for carrying out the measure recommended by the Marquis of Clanricarde's letter of the 9th September 1850, at least so far as relates to the Crown colonies; immediate effect being given to the measure in all colonies whose postal arrangements are under my control, and negotiations being forthwith commenced as regards the others.

The original proposition consisted in fixing the uniform rate of postage at the amount already charged in most cases, viz., 1s. the half ounce, with the present scale of advance, the same to free the letter to its place of destination, and to be prepaid or not, at the option of the sender. Of this shilling it was proposed, that, as in the case of Canada, 2d should be assigned to the colonial post-office as its inland rate, the remaining 10d. being assigned to the British office as its inland rate and sea postage combined.

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Of course to this uniform rate, addition would have to be made, as at present, when the letter should be subjected to a foreign transit postage, as in the case of letters to the East Indies via Marseilles, and to Canada, via the United States.

It would remain to deal with the division of the rate on letters conveyed by ships, as also with newspapers and parliamentary proceedings.

Where letters are conveyed by ship, the colony is of course entitled to a large share of the Postage, and I should recommend that the 1s rate be equally divided between the Home Government and the colony—an arrangement somewhat more favorable to the colonies than that which now exists.

Newspapers are conveyed at rates which vary considerably. In many cases they pass entirely free of charge; in others, a charge (generally of 1d. each) is made either in this country or in the colony; but I am not aware of any case in which a newspaper is charged in both. In this country the rule is to charge nothing if the newspaper be carried by Packet, and 1d. if by private ship. In the colonies the practice is extremely variable.

The adoption of a uniform rule, therefore, implies either the imposing of a rate in those cases where newspapers go free, or the extension of free conveyance to those newspapers which are now charged, an alternative which would not only cause some loss to the revenue, but would augment an inconvenience already seriously felt by this department.

Parliamentary proceedings, it is very desirable, for the sake of simplicity, to place on the same footing as other books; as, however, this would, in many cases, involve an increase in the present rates (generally from 1d., though in a few cases from 2d., per quarter pound, to 6d. per half pound,) this change, as well as the establishment of a rate on all newspapers, would tend to produce dissatisfaction, which, I fear, would scarcely be allayed by the very moderate and exceptional reduction implied in the establishment of a uniform letter rate of 1s.

If, however, the interests of the revenue should be found to admit of a decided reduction in the general rate, all minor dissatisfaction would probably disappear amidst the gratification arising from so popular a measure.

Considering the vast importance of strengthening the ties between the colonies and the mother country, I am of opinion that some revenue may wisely be sacrificed, or at least risked, for the purpose of multiplying correspondence, and giving to the colonies a valuable and acceptable privilege.

Impressed with the importance of these views, I submit for the consideration of Your Lordships, without at present suggesting any change in the inter-colonial Postage, the propriety of lowering the present Postal charges between the mother country and the Crown colonies, to a uniform rate of 6d., to be divided, as regards colonies, the posts of which are not under my control, in the same proportions as originally proposed in regard to the 1s. rate; thus giving 5d. or 3d. to the mother country and 1d. or 3d. to the colony, according as the letter is conveyed by packet or private ship, and the course of proceeding being in all other respects the same as recommended above.

With so large a reduction on letters, I should have no hesitation in recommending that Parliamentary proceedings should be placed on the same footing as other books, and that a

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uniform rate of 1d. (also to be paid in advance) should be established on newspapers—the same freeing them to their destination either way, and the postage being retained by whichever party collects it.

Under this combined arrangement, Heligoland would of course be no longer (as formerly proposed) an exception to the general rule; and, what is more important, the scale for letters would be the same (substituting ounces for pounds) as that recently adopted for books.

Supposing the rates to be thus reduced, I think a corresponding reduction should take place in the gratuities payable to masters of private ships; and I propose that the present rate of 2d. per letter, and 1d. per newspaper be reduced by one-half. I would suggest also a proportionate reduction in the allowance to the Custom-house officers for letters landed at Gravesend, viz, from 1½d to ¾d per letter, as also in the allowance to boatmen for bringing ship letters ashore in the channel, and in any other allowances now made in respect of ship letters.

There are no exact *data* for ascertaining the amount of revenue which would be risked by either of the uniform rates proposed, but so far as can be judged from a rough estimate, founded on the state of things in 1848, it would be about £10,000 per annum, in case of the 1d. rate being fixed, and about £50,000 per annum in the case of the 6d. rate being determined on, omitting the Government postage in both cases. Judging, however, by past experience, there can be little doubt that the greater part of any deficit that might arise would, in a few years, be made up by increase in the number of letters. Considering this, and bearing in mind that the obligation to consult certain of the Colonial Legislatures necessitates a gradual introduction of the measure, I think it probable that the loss of revenue in any one year will not exceed £20,000.

Having thus fully stated to your Lordships my views on this subject, I beg to leave it to your favorable consideration.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

HARDWICKE.

General Post-Office,
27th April, 1852. }

TREASURY CHAMBERS }
29th May, 1852. }

MY LORD—

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury Your Lordship's letter of the 27th ulto. recommending a reduced uniform rate of postage to the British colonies, and am directed by their Lordships to acquaint you, that My Lords do not feel warranted at present in sanctioning an arrangement for a uniform reduced rate of postage to the British colonies, which, however desirable would involve a considerable loss of revenue.

I have, &c.,

[Signed]

GEO. A. HAMILTON.

The Postmaster-General &c., &c., &c.,

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DOWNING STREET,
8th November. 1852. }

SIR,—I am directed by Secretary Sir John Pakington to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th ulto. in which, with reference to Mr. Merivale's letter of the 21st of September, you transmit the copies of a correspondence which had already passed with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the subject to which the Postmaster-General's attention has since been drawn by Sir John Pakington, of a cheap and uniform postage to the colonies.

I am desired to acquaint you, for the information of the Postmaster-General, that Sir John Pakington is satisfied that the scheme proposed in the Earl of Hardwicke's letter to the Treasury, dated the 27th of April last, by which a general six-penny rate would be established for all letters under half an ounce sent to the British colonies, with the requisite dependant arrangements as to the transmission of Parliamentary proceedings and newspapers, would be a most valuable boon to Her Majesty's colonial subjects, and to all in this country who have private or commercial relations with the colonies; and that Sir John Pakington would be very glad if the Postmaster-General should be able again to bring the proposal before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in such a manner as may lead to its favourable reconsideration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. MERIVALE.

J. Tilley Esqr.

&c., &c., &c.,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
19th March, 1853. }

SIR,—On the 21st September last you informed the Postmaster-General that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies had received numerous applications, both from the colonies and this country, praying that the benefit of a cheap and uniform Postage might be extended to colonial correspondence, and you stated that Sir J. Pakington, concurring with the Petitioners as to the advantages which would result from the concession, was favorably disposed to it, provided the arrangement could be effected without serious difficulty. You accordingly requested to be favored with the opinion of the Postmaster-General on this subject.

In reply I forwarded to you on the 8th October, the copy of a letter which the Earl of Hardwicke had addressed to the Lords of the Treasury on the 27th April previous, advocating the substitution of a combined uniform charge of sixpence the single letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, in place of the present varying rates on colonial correspondence, together with certain changes in the arrangements for the transmission of Parliamentary proceedings and newspapers between the United Kingdom and the colonies; and the Postmaster-General had the satisfaction of learning, by your letter of the 8th November, that in the opinion of Sir John Pakington, the establishment of a uniform sixpenny rate for all colonial letters, within the weight specified, although accompanied by an increase of the rate at present levied on the transmission of Parliamentary proceedings and newspapers, (as had

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been suggested in Lord Hardwicke's letter) would be a most valuable boon to Her Majesty's colonial subjects, as well as to all those persons in this country having private or commercial relations with the colonies.

No further steps were at that time taken for again bringing the question under the consideration of the Treasury. But Lord Canning, on accession to office, took an early opportunity of addressing the Treasury on the subject, expressing not only his own concurrence in the proposal of his predecessor, subject to some slight modification, but also the view entertained of it by Sir John Pakington, and requesting therefore for the measure the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The details of the arrangement are, that the present Postal charges on letters between the United Kingdom and all the British Colonial possessions shall be reduced to an uniform rate of sixpence the half ounce, according to the following scale, which is that in operation in the United Kingdom, viz:—

Not exceeding half an ounce—one rate.

Exceeding half an ounce and not exceeding one ounce—two rates.

Exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces—four rates.

And so on, increasing two rates for each ounce, or portion of an ounce.

This postage to free the letter to its place of destination, and to be prepaid or not at the option of the sender. That this postage shall be divided, as regards those colonies the Posts of which are not under the control of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, in the following proportions, viz:—

When the letter is conveyed by packet, 5d. to the mother country (viz., 1d. for inland rate, and 4d. for sea rate) and 1d. to the colony.

When conveyed by private ship, the postage to be equally divided, 3d. being the share of the mother country, and 3d. the share of the colony.

Of course to this uniform rate of sixpence, addition must be made, as at present, when the letter is subjected to a foreign transit postage, as in the case of letters to Canada via the United States.

That Parliamentary proceedings shall be placed on the same footing as other books; and that an uniform rate of one penny (to be paid in advance) shall be established on newspapers, the same freeing them to their destination either way, and the postage to be retained by whichever party collects it.

The rates of Postage and the regulations for the transmission of books, it is unnecessary to recapitulate here, as they are fully detailed in my letter to you of the 14th Dec., 1850; but I may observe that, under the combined arrangement prepared, the scale for letters will be the same (substituting ounces for pounds) as that adopted for books.

Lord Canning is glad to announce to the Duke of Newcastle that the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury have informed him that they are deeply impressed with, and entirely concur in, the reasons given by his Lordship and his predecessor for the proposed change, and that they will be prepared to adopt it so soon as the circumstances which they may think it their duty to take into consideration will permit, if, upon communication with the different colonies,

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whose postal arrangements are independent of this country, it shall be found that they are willing to acquiesce in the arrangement proposed.

But as it is obviously necessary that the concurrence of such colonies shall be first ascertained, the Post Master General, under the directions of the Treasury, has to request that the Duke of Newcastle will be good enough to communicate with those colonies, the Posts of which are independent of the control of this Department, and to ascertain whether, in the event of Her Majesty's Government adopting the general system recommended, they will concur therein, so far as the proposition affects their postal charges and arrangements; at the same time adding that Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to reverse the proportion of the charges in all cases where the packet service shall be furnished by the colonies.

It is desirable that it should be explained to the Colonial Governments, that the measure must either be accepted in its integrity or declined, as one of the principal objects of Her Majesty's Government is to establish an uniform measure, and this it would be impossible to accomplish, if the various colonies were to suggest modifications suited perhaps to their own peculiar state or requirements, but inconsistent with a general arrangement such as that proposed.

The following is a list of the colonies in which the posts are under the control of Her Majesty's Post Master General, viz. :—

British West Indies (with the exception of Barbadoes and Trinidad.)

British Guiana, Honduras

Malta, Gibraltar

Hong Kong, Heligoland.

In all other British colonies and possessions the posts are under local management.

In order to avoid any misconception, I beg to repeat that the object of the Post Master General in the first instance is to inquire whether the governments of the several colonies will consent to the measure contemplated. Should their consent be obtained, it will then remain to fix a period for bringing the arrangements into effect simultaneously in the United Kingdom and in the colonies.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

W. L. MABERLY.

Herman Merivale, Esq.
Colonial Office.

**DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE SUBJECT OF
OCEAN POSTAGE.**

[Copy.—No 13.]

DOWNING STREET,
8th November. 1852. }

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 20 of the 21st March, enclosing an address to the Queen from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland praying for a reduction in the rate of Ocean Postage.

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I have laid this address before Her Majesty, and I have to refer you to my Circular Despatch of the 5th instant which will place you in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

I have the honour to be

Sir &c.,

(Signed)

NEWCASTLE.

Governor Hamilton, &c., &c., &c.,
Newfoundland.

ORDER IN COUNCIL LEAVING CERTAIN ACTS TO THEIR OPERATION.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

10th day of November 1852.

PRESENT—

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

His Royal Highness Prince Albert

Lord President

Earl of Hardwicke

Lord Privy Seal

Earl of Malmesbury

Lord Steward

Lord John Manners

Duke of Northumberland

Mr. Herries

Lord Chamberlain

Sir John Pakington, Bart.,

Marquis of Abercorn

Mr. Secretary Walpole

Earl of Derby

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer

Earl of Jersey

Mr. Henley.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did in the month of January 1852 pass fifteen Acts which have been transmitted entitled as follows, viz:—

No. 128.—An Act for the encouragement of Education.

No. 131.—An Act to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at Saint John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

No. 132.—An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies, and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company."

No. 133.—An Act to make provision for the protection of Electric Telegraphs.

No. 135.—An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company.

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- No. 136.—An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John's Athenæum.
- No. 137.—An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Harbour Grace Gas Light Company.
- No. 138.—An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company.
- No. 140.—An Act to amend the Carbonear Street Act.
- No. 141.—An Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this Island.
- No. 142.—An Act for shortening the language used in the Acts of the General Assembly and to aid in the construction of the same.
- No. 143.—An Act for preventing damage by unseasonable burning or firing of the Woods in the clearing of Land, and burning the Woods and Forests of this island.
- No. 144.—An Act to continue the act for affording relief to Wives and Children deserted by their husbands and parents.
- No. 145.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this colony, for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two, and for other purposes.
- No. 146.—An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

And Whereas, the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Acts should be left to their operation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve the said Report: Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's island of Newfoundland, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed,)

WM. L. BATHURST.

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[Copy.]

ORDER OF HER MAJESTY IN COUNCIL LEAVING CERTAIN ACTS TO THEIR OPERATION.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,

27th day of November, 1852.

PRESENT—

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty

His Royal Highness Prince Albert

Lord Chancellor

Lord President

Lord Privy Seal

Lord Steward

Duke of Northumberland

Earl of Derby

Earl of Jersey

Earl of Hardwicke

Earl of Malmesbury

Lord John Manners

Sir John Pakington, Bart.,

Mr. Secretary Walpole

Mr. Henley.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did, in the month of June, 1852, pass three Acts which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:—

No. 127.—An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this colony and its dependencies.

No. 129.—An Act to amend and consolidate the acts now in force respecting Light Houses in this colony.

No. 134.—An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's.

And Whereas, the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Acts should be left to their operation; Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve the said Report: Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's island of Newfoundland, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed,)

WM. L. BATHURST.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL PROTESTANT
ACADEMY FOR 1852.**

The Directors of the General Protestant Academy beg to annex, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the report of the Master, Mr. Adam Scott, to the Directors, as conveying the fullest information relative to the working of the School : at the same time they would most respectfully bring under the notice of His Excellency the very great disadvantage under which this Academy is placed, in comparison with the Church of England and Roman Catholic Academies, established under the same Act.

Equal, as the Directors believe, to either of the other schools in the attainments and efficiency of the master, conduct of the School, and number of pupils instructed therein, yet the proportion of the Legislative grant received for the general Protestant Academy is far less than what is received by either of the other two. The Directors were also obliged to get their master from Scotland at a heavy expense and to become personally responsible for £100 per annum more than the grant allowed by the Legislature, in addition to house and school rent of £40 per annum ; and, to provide a school room, a further expense of £150 was incurred. The Directors, also, to meet the wishes of the master and to enable him to give his attention to the higher branches of education, procurud a young man on trial, as an assistant teacher, with a view of permanently engaging him, in order that the school may be made as efficient as possible, though it will entail a further expense.

The Directors have every reason to be satisfied with the master, and the progress made by the scholars as highly creditable to the master as well as to themselves.

At the public examination before the Christmas vacation, his Honor the Administrator was present and was pleased to express himself in terms highly complimentary to the master and gratifying to the Directors.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed,)

NICHOLAS STABB
SAMUEL CARSON
JAMES ROGERSON. } Directors.

St. John's, Newfoundland, 15th Feby. 1853.

**COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL
PROTESTANT ACADEMY.**

GENTLEMEN—

In presenting the first Report of the Academy, I shall very briefly trace its progress, showing at the same time the sort of education that is received by the pupils : mention some of its wants, and make a few remarks on what has occurred during the 15 months it has been in operation.

The Academy opened on the 1st of October last year with six pupils. Before the end of the quarter, it numbered 15 pupils. In the second quarter it numbered 24. The third, 33. The fourth, 36. The fifth 37 : and the present, which is the sixth, it numbers 40 pupils.

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In the course of the 15 months, seven boys left ; two on their departure from the island ; the others went to business.

Twenty-two receive instruction in Latin, one in Greek, eleven in French, five in Geometry and Algebra. All receive an English education, including History and Geography, Grammar, Reading, Spelling, Derivation, Recitation, writing from Dictation, &c., Arithmetic and Writing. I take this opportunity of stating that during the 15 years I have been engaged in teaching, I have not met with a finer class of boys.

The object of the Academy is, as you are aware, the literary, scientific, and general education of boys from 8 to 16 years of age, whatever may be their views in life. Its object is not to provide education exclusively for the learned professions. Law, Medicine, and Divinity are not the sole wants of a community. Other qualifications are required by Merchants, Mechanics, Accountants, Surveyors &c., by numbers employed in the Customs, and other departments of the Public Service ; by all, in short, who wish to manage their own affairs, or rise above the condition of lowest dependence.

A variety of other branches are therefore taught besides classical literature. Classical literature, however, so far from being subordinated, is regarded not only as worthy of the high rank usually assigned to it among the qualifications for the learned professions, but as essentially necessary for disciplining the faculties of the youthful mind. Yet neither it, nor any single branch, is raised into exclusive pre-eminence. Literary, Scientific, and Commercial subjects, are considered of equal importance, and each is taught with as great care and efficiency as if the Seminary rested its character on it alone. In order then fully to carry out this plan which is the only one adequate to meet the wants of the community, the necessity of at least one other well qualified teacher must be apparent to every one. I would therefore take the liberty of pressing on your attention the necessity of at once procuring a well educated teacher and thoroughly trained to communicate instruction in those branches which it may be necessary for him to teach.

The class-room also, although it has been nearly doubled in size during the last year, is too small for the numbers at present attending. I would suggest the propriety of commencing in due time to rear a building suitable in all respects to the great object to be attained.

Many things worthy of notice have occurred during the year, on one or two of which I cannot refrain from making a few observations. During the whole time that the Academy has now been in operation, I regret to say that not more than two or three of the parents have, by their enquiries, shown any interest in the progress of their children. A general, though very erroneous opinion seems to prevail, that when a parent has placed his child in the charge of a teacher, the parent has done all that is required of him for his son's education.

Now the duty of the teacher is not to supersede the parent, but to co-operate with him in this most important matter. For instance, there are always a few pupils whom it is difficult to train to habits of requisite diligence in preparation at home, and who, for some part of their instruction are chiefly benefitted by the attention and application exacted during the hours of public attendance. The best and perhaps the only remedy for this is co-operation and frequent correspondence, between the parent and teacher. In order to encourage this correspondence I would invite attention to an arrangement by which an opportunity is offered of visiting the Academy on Friday, at any hour, and of conversing respecting the pupils on Saturdays, from 11 to 12. In this way the two parties most interested mutually strengthen their influence over the pupils both in and out of school. Of the beneficial effects of such co-operation there can be no doubt. Many pupils, by no means of the steadiest habits at first, are brought by the conjoint efforts of their parents and teacher, into the prescribed

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order of private study, and enabled to resist the solicitations of idle acquaintances, their improved and steady application becoming an example to others, raising them to proper places in their classes, and effectually securing the approbation of their friends.

Occasional absence is another great obstacle to improvement. Absence for one day retards the progress of the pupil to an extent that can be duly estimated by none but such as are closely engaged in teaching. The loss of time, however, is not the only evil; pupils of the greatest promise at the commencement of the year, if too much indulged, become careless and indifferent. The expectations which a comparative estimate of their own powers justified them in entertaining, are inevitably disappointed. They cease to love pursuits, in which they suffer defeat from inferior minds. They love the hope of even that which is attainable without industry. They cease to respect themselves, and this is a moral loss for which they can be offered no compensation.

Whilst, for those reasons, anxiety is testified for regular attendance, higher regard is unquestionably due to health and natural constitution. When health is impaired, every study must be interrupted. In every regulation the object is that, while the expectations of parents faithfully and affectionately endeavouring to promote the best interests of their sons, may not be disappointed, the pupils themselves, however strict they consider the present discipline, may, when afterwards engaged in the active pursuits of life, regard their youthful education as part of their most valuable inheritance.

I am,

Gentlemen, &c.,

(Signed)

ADAM SCOTT.

February, 1853.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BRANCH OF
THE ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY FOR 1852.

[Copy]

To His Excellency KER BAILLIE HAMILTON, Esq., Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Directors of the Church of England Branch of the St. John's Academy have the honor to report to your Excellency that that School has been in constant and regular operation during the year which ended on the 31st of last December.

The Schedule annexed hereto exhibits (1) the number of pupils in attendance during each quarter, in each department of the School;—(2) the number of pupils in each quarter studying each subject taught in the School;—(3) the subjects in which they were examined previously to the Christmas holidays; and (4) the names of the pupils who competed successfully for prizes at that examination.

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The annual examination was held on the 21st December last, in the presence of his Honor the Administrator of the Government, the Directors, and some of the parents and friends of the boys. The progress of the pupils during the year was marked, and afforded satisfactory evidence of the care and attention which they had received.

The Directors beg to renew the expression of their regret, that from the continued want of premises belonging to the Academy, the head master has still to trespass on the kindness of the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland for the use of a room to conduct the School in; and that there are no funds at their disposal out of which they can defray the commonest contingencies. The prizes distributed at Christmas were again procured through private liberality; and the School is still unfurnished with the most necessary apparatus, as Globes, Maps, Models, &c.

By order of the Directors,

(Signed,)

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

Chairman.

St. John's, 10th February, 1853.

A.

Number of Pupils in the Church of England branch of the St. John's Academy.

A.D.—1852.—	1st quarter.	2nd quarter.	3rd quarter.	4th quarter.
Upper School	16	15	11	11
Lower School	2	2	6	8
Total.....	18	17	17	19

Number of Pupils studying each subject.

A.D.—1852.—	1st quarter.	2nd quarter.	3rd quarter.	4th quarter.
Latin	16	15	11	11
Greek.....	6	5	2	2
French	13	11	7	9
Arithmetic	18	17	17	19
Geometry	11	10	3	3
Algebra.....	5	4	3	3
Writing.....	18	17	19	19
English Grammar.....	6	5	8	11
History.....	16	13	14	15
Geography	18	17	17	19

C.

Subjects of examination, 21st Dec., 1852.

- 1st class Greek.—Xenophon's Analysis, book 1 ; St. Matthew's Gospel.
 Latin.—Horace, De Arte Poetica.
 French.—Voltaire's Charles XII, book 5.

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Geometry.—Euclid, book VI.
Algebra.—To the end of Quadratic Equations.
Arithmetic, English History, Geography.

2nd class. Latin.—Valpy's Delectus.
French.—Arnold's First Book.
English Grammar, Arithmetic.
English History, Geography.

3rd class. Latin Grammar, English Grammar.
Arithmetic, English History,
Spelling, Geography.

4th class. English Grammar, Arithmetic.
Spelling and Geography.

D.

Names of Pupils who obtained prizes at the public Examination, 21st December, 1852.

1st class. A. W. Harvey.
J. H. Crowdy.

2nd class. H. E. Hayward.
H. J. Earle.
G. H. Bennett.

3rd class. T. T. Bennett.
J. E. Withers.

4th class. G. A. Hutchings

(Signed,)

C. D. NEWMAN, B. A. }
Head-Master. }

Number of Pupils studying each subject.

Subject	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Latin	11	11	11	11
French	2	2	2	2
English Grammar	8	7	11	18
Arithmetic	10	17	17	17
English History	8	8	10	11
Geography	8	8	10	11
Spelling	10	10	17	18
Algebra	11	8	5	5
Geometry	10	14	18	18
Total	10	17	17	18

STATEMENT

Of the Educational Districts with their divisions and boundaries of the Schools in the various settlements, and the salaries paid to their Teachers, under the control of the Protestant Central Board of Education.

Educational Districts.	Divisions and Boundaries.	Settlements in each district in which there are schools.	No. of Pupils.			Salary of Teacher.	Remarks.
			Boys.	Girls	Total		
St. John's.	The electoral district of St. John's, together with that portion of the electoral district of Conception Bay which lies between Topsail Head and Colliers.	St. John's	57	37	94	Master £100 0 0	The salaries are stated in cy.
		Quidi Vidi	13	12	25	Mistress 20 0 0	
		Broad Cove, St. Philip	19	13	32	Master 45 0 0	
		Lance Cove, Belle Isle	13	9	22	" 45 0 0	
		Topsail	14	26	40	" 36 0 0	
		Middle Bight	30	19	49	" 36 0 0	
		Long Pond	26	30	56	" 15 0 0	
		Upper Gulley	16	13	29	" 15 0 0	
					357 0 0		
Brigus.	From Colliers to Northern Gut of Port-de-Grave	Bull Cove	16	16	32	43 10 0	For 9 months from 1st Nov., 1852, to 30th June, 1853.
		Burnt Head	20	14	34	49 10 0	
					93 0 0		
Bay Roberts.	From Northern Gut, Port-de-Grave to Bryant's Cove	Coley's Point	42	11	53	" 46 3 0	
		Bryant's Cove	16	9	25	" 46 3 0	
					92 6 0		
Harbor Grace.	From Bryant's Cove to Mosquito	Harbor Grace, N. Side	37	8	45	" 46 3 0	
		Harbor Grace, Bear's Cove	15	22	37	Mistress 32 0 0	
		Mosquito	30	20	50	Master 46 3 0	
					£124 6 0		

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Educational districts.	Divisions and Boundaries.	Settlements in each district in which there are Schools.	Number of Pupils.			Salary of Teacher.			Remarks.	
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Mastr...	£	s		
Carbonear.	From Musquito, exclusive, to Bay de Verde, inclusive.	Carbonear				Mastr...	£	40 0 0		
		Freshwater				...		40 0 0		
		Otterbury				...		25 0 0		
		Perry's Cove				...		30 0 0		
		Mully's Cove				...		20 0 0		
		Adams Cove				No returns.	...		30 0 0	
		Ochre Pits					...		30 0 0	
		Western Bay					...		35 0 0	
		Northern Bay					...		25 0 0	
		Island Cove					...		35 0 0	
		Burnt Point					...		20 0 0	
		Bay de Verde					...		30 0 0	
							£361 0 0			
Trinity Bay, south.	From Bay de Verd, exclusive, to Scilly Cove, inclusive.	Grates Cove				...		29 0 0		
		Old Perlican				No returns.	...	29 0 0		
		Scilly Cove				...		29 0 0		
							£87 0 0			
Trinity Bay, west.	From Scilly Cove, exclusive, to Careless (Keely's) harbor.	New Perlican				No returns.	...	30 0 0		
						...		30 0 0		
							£60 0 0			
Trinity Bay, north.	From Careless, (Keely's) hr. to Catalina South Head.	Trinity, north side	13	7	20					
		Cuckold's Cove	11	5	16	...		34 12 4	Kept alternately 3 days in ea. week.	
		Trouty	9	3	12	...		34 12 4		
							£69 4 8			

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Educational Districts.	Divisions and Boundaries.	Settlements in each district in which there are schools.	No. of Pupils.			Salary of Teacher.	Remarks.
			Boys.	Girls.	Total.		
Grand Bank	From Point May to Garnish, inclusive	Fortune				Master £22 0 0	These schools are kept by the same master, the one during the winter, the other in the summer This master also keeps school for 6 months in Hermitage Cove.
		Harbor Britain	16	14	30	Mistress 35 0 0	
Fortune Bay	From Garnish exclusive, to Bonne Bay	Brunet	10	13	23	{ Master 45 0 0	
		St. Jacques	7	6	13		
		Jersey Harbor	8	8	16	“ 45 0 0	
		Pushthrough	10	6	16	“ 55 0 0	
		Garnish			33	“ 45 0 0	
						£225 0 0	
LaPoile and Burgeo.	From Bonne Bay to Cape Ray.	Lower Burgeo			No return.	£35 0 0	

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

Chairman.

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**REPORT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION,
FOR 1852.**

The Central Roman Catholic Board of Education beg leave to forward, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, the annexed reports of the distribution of the fund committed to their charge, and of the Roman Catholic Schools in the several Educational Districts of the colony in June last.

In allocating this fund, the Board was met by so many claims from the various districts of the colony, expressive of their present want of educational means, and of their inability, from their own resources, to procure them, that they felt themselves constrained, after allowing the salaries voted the teachers last year to remain undisturbed, to divide the surplus at their disposal among the various parishes of the Island in the ratio of their respective populations.

The Board had on its appointment addressed the various Boards under them, calling "their particular attention to the requirements of the law in cases where assistance may be sought towards the establishment or support of schools, and requesting their co-operation in giving effect to such requirements." The replies promise generally all the assistance in their power, but hold out no hope that the teachers can depend on any effective assistance from the parents of the pupils, who, from their poverty, or other causes, can scarcely be prevailed on to supply their children with the necessary books, papers, &c., for their use.

The Board are happy to state that the industrial schools under the care of the Presentation Nuns in St. John's, and Harbor Grace, continue to be maintained with increased benefit to these localities. The Convent school in Carbonear has, they are glad to say, been in full operation since autumn last.

Branches of the Presentation order will be enabled to open schools in Harbor Main and Fermeuse early next summer. Residences for the Nuns, and spacious school-houses, are already nearly completed in these two places.

Since the report presented by the late Board in March last, a new school-house has been erected at River-head, capable of accommodating one hundred boys, and one hundred girls, in separate apartments, and under a male and female teacher. The numbers attending each of these schools vary from eighty to one-hundred. In Quidi Vidi also a new school has been open since October, and is attended by thirty to forty children; but it is expected that during the summer months this number will be doubled.

The Board having recently purchased for £170 cy. a plot of ground with a substantial house thereon, at Freshwater, on the road to Mount Ken, about a mile from town, will, as soon as they can procure a suitable teacher, have it opened for the reception of pupils.

The Board has as yet received no report from any of the districts of the average numbers attending their schools,—the salaries of the teachers,—and of the particular appropriation of the additional fund under their controul, as required by the Legislature: indeed the period since their appointment is too short for these particulars to be fully ascertained.

The boundaries of the Educational Districts have been retained, as marked out by 6th Vic., cap. vi., and the annexed returns indicate the schools under the respective Boards in June last.

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The Board venture to express a hope that when more liberal salaries will afford them a more competent class of teachers, the bounty of the Legislature will be found much more efficient for educational purposes than heretofore.

By order of the Board,

JOHN ROCHE,
Secretary.

St. John's, March 15th, 1853.

Allocation by the Roman Catholic Central Board of Education of their fund to the respective Districts of the colony, for the year ending 30th June, 1853.

Saint John's late District Grant	.....Cy.—	£669	4	8		
proportion of new ditto	.....	265	1	4	—	934 6 0
Brigus late District Grant	.....	253	16	8		
proportion of new ditto	.....	63	10	0	—	317 6 8
Harbor Grace late District grant	.....	230	15	4		
proportion of new ditto	.....	33	15	0	—	264 10 4
Carbonear, including Trinity S. & W., late District grant	.....	351	18	4		
proportion of new ditto	.....	66	4	8	—	418 3 0
Trinity North late District grant	.....	23	1	4		
voted from new ditto	.....	50	0	0	—	73 1 4
Bonavista N. & S. late District grant	.....	98	1	8		
voted from new ditto	.....	67	8	0	—	165 9 8
Fogo and Twillingate late District grant	.....	63	9	4		
voted from new ditto	.....	40	0	0	—	103 9 4
Bay Bulls late District grant	.....	161	10	4		
voted from new ditto	.....	30	0	0	—	191 10 8
Ferryland late District grant	.....	207	13	8		
proportion of new ditto	.....	42	11	0	—	250 4 8
St. Mary's and Trepassey late district grant	.....	86	10	8		
proportion of new ditto	.....	27	15	0	—	114 5 8
Placentia late District grant	.....	213	9	0		
proportion new ditto	.....	69	19	0	—	283 8 0
Burin and Fortune Bay late District grant	.....	146	10	8		
voted from new ditto	.....	100	0	0	—	246 10 8
Sandy Point, St. George's Bay	.....	50	0	0		
Towards school in LaConche	.....	15	0	0		
Orphan Asylum School and Convent Schools in St. John's and Conception Bay	.....	721	3	0		
Reserved for Secretary, stationery, and contingencies	65	13	5		

Making a total of £3,652 4 9 Stg., or Cy. £4,214 2 5

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Report of Schools as received from the undermentioned Districts up to June, 1852, by the Central Board.

	Number Schools.	Salaries Currency.	Sterling.
Brigus	10	£247 15 0	
Harbor Grace (1)	7	130 0 0	
Carbonear, including Trinity, south and west	9	267 0 0	
Trinity north	1	23 1 6	
Bonavista, North and South	5	117 18 0	
Fogo and Twillingate	5	103 9 2	
Bay Bulls	7	166 0 0	
Ferryland	14	193 0 0	
St. Mary's and Trepassey	4	73 0 0	
Placentia	8	210 0 0	
Burin and Fortune Bay (2)	7	185 0 0	
Saint John's	18	538 0 0	
Orphan Asylum School } St. John's	1	200 0 0	
Presentation Nunnery School }	1	230 15 4	
Presentation Nunnery, Carbonear and Harbor Grace	2	230 15 4	
	89	£2915 14	4£2526 19 1

(1) This does not include St. Patrick's school, separately endowed by the Legislature to this period.

(2) No returns received from Fortune Bay.

The Newfoundland School Society in connexion with the Colonial Church School Society, in account with the Treasurer for the year ending the 31st December, 1852.

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To amount paid Superintendent and Principal Teachers	£1,283 2 7
To amount paid Branch Teachers, salaries and allowances	586 11 1
To amount paid for repairs of Schools, purchase of books, stationery, fuel, and other incidentals	366 0 2
	<u>£2,235 13 10</u>

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By amount of Government grant of £500 Stg.	£576 18 5
By amount of voluntary contributions in Newfoundland	350 1 2
By balance received from the Parent Society in England, and raised there by voluntary contributions	1,308 14 3
	<u>£2,235 13 10</u>

JOHNSTONE VICARS,
Superintendent.

E. E.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }
31st December, 1852. }

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 LETTER FROM COMMANDER OF THE *SAPPHO* TO VICE-ADMIRAL
 SIR GEORGE SEYMOUR.

(Copy.)

Sappho, at Halifax, }
 6th Sept., 1852. }

SIR,—I have the honor to acquaint you that on the 4th of July I sailed from St. John's, Newfoundland, for Cape St. John, the boundary of the French and English Fisheries; there having been at various times disputes concerning the encroachments of the French on English grounds, I deemed it advisable to ascertain the present state of things, and for that purpose anchored in Shoe Cove. Three small settlements occupy different points of the Bay, mustering, I was informed, about a hundred men engaged in the Cod fishery.

Great satisfaction was expressed at their having the protection of a Revenue Boat, to maintain the rights of their ground. No encroachments have been made, and there were no complaints.

The fishery was described to be excellent, the take of Cod being equal to three quintals dried per man, per diem. The French pursue the fishery largely in the vicinity, a crew of seventy men, in the space of a fortnight, having landed in their seines five thousand qtls.

Belle Isle East, about which I could obtain no information at St John's, has two large French establishments in tolerably sheltered creeks on the South-shore, one having fifteen boats and the other twelve.

It appears that from the year 1838, these Islands have been occupied by the French, and are included in the Government Official list of places ballotted for every five years at Brest. These Islands have not been visited, I believe, by English Men-of-War, for many years, and I am not aware that any official protest has been made against their being occupied by the French; nor has any English fishery been carried on until 1851, when two establishments, one on the South and one on the West Shore, belonging to the firm of Messrs. Stabb & Co., were established, on a small scale, there being but four boats belonging to them.

The take of the two French establishments is about 6000 quintals; this does not include the quantity of fish that may be taken by the French coming from other parts.

On my asking the master of the French fishing establishment, by what right he was on the Island, he produced the French Government Edict authorising him to come, at the same time shewing me the book with the Official list of places ballotted for, of which this was one, which ballot had taken place in 1851. Finding that his authority was derived from the French Government, I limited myself to telling him, he had no right to fish on the Island, but did not desire him to leave, as it appeared to me, it was not a question that an arbitrary ejection would settle, but a matter to be referred for arrangement between the Governments.

The master told me that he would wish for nothing better than to be sent off the Island, as he would then be entitled to damages for full amount from his Government.

He stated that the fishery was bad.

At the English establishments they made no complaints of the French.

On the morning of the 8th, ran along the island of Groais, and observed seventy-one

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French fishing boats at anchor near the Sisters Rocks; did not interfere with them, nor land, nor is there any French fishing establishment on the Island.

I considered it as unavailing to call in at the harbor of Croc, (the French head quarters on this part of the station) as the French naval officer must have been well aware of his countrymen being established at Belle Isle Island by authority of his own Government, and consequently no present advantage could have been derived from any communication upon the subject.

Ran close along the coast from St. Anthony's Harbor towards Cape Bauld, between which and Cape St. John, there were 169 square-rigged vessels; observed about eleven to twelve hundred men in boats engaged with cod seines and lines within two hundred yards of the rocks. At the various ports along here the French have large establishments.

Coasted along the shore of Belle Isle, north, passing by Batteaus Creek and Black Joke Cove, at neither of which places, nor in the vicinity of the island, were there any boats or vessels.

On the 9th anchored in Islet Bay, which is a safe anchorage and of easy entrance and exit. Visited St. Charles Harbor and the Camp Islands, at which places considerable fisheries are carried on. Enquired to substantiate the truth of the statement of the French directly interfering by driving our fishermen from Belle Isle Island, when it was stated by Mr. McNeill that he had, in August, 1851, sent a boat to Belle Isle Island for fishing, and that she was driven away and prevented fishing by numbers of French who were there.

Mr. Tobin, in the colonial schooner *Charles*, was at anchor in St. Charles Harbor; he had recently visited several of the adjacent ports.

At Chateau fifty families reside during the summer, and twenty-five in winter; six vessels were at moorings. The inhabitants complain of their being driven away from Belle Isle Island, and were glad to learn that efficient protection was to be afforded them. It would appear that from eighty to ninety thousand quintals of fish are caught annually by the French off Belle Isle Island.

At Red Bay fifteen families reside in summer, and twenty-five in winter. Complaints about the French fishing off Belle Isle Island were made.

Ran close along shore to little St. Modeste, where, owing to appearance of thick weather coming on, ran down to Forteau and anchored, leaving a cutter to visit the intervening twelve miles of coast. The boat returned on the 19th, reporting that no French boats had been seen.

At Forteau the three large establishments of Quittevilla, Le Bottellier, and Bahaeur, and others, were getting on well. Was desirous of visiting Blanc Sablon, but the wind blowing strong from the S.W., weighed and coasted along shore, looking into all the creeks and bays on the Northern shore, on my way up to North Point, in none of which were any Frenchmen, nor adjacent to Belle Isle; and on the 21st anchored in Islet Bay.

Again visited St. Charles Harbor and the Camp Islands. At the latter place there were some complaints of irregularity of conduct of individuals, which were adjusted.

Was detained here six days by dense fogs. On the evening of the 26th Mr. Tobin arrived from a cruise at St. Charles Harbor: he informed me that the boat which was to have acted in co-operation with him had neither been at Belle Isle, nor had been heard of. It had previously been my intention to have left a boat at Belle Isle, north, to co-operate with the colonial boat, but the fact of the latter being absent rendered that measure highly necessary.

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On the 27th proceeded to Belle Isle, North, and with considerable difficulty, owing to the weather, landed with two boats in Black Joke Harbor, in which were moored fifteen large French fishing boats. It blew too hard for them to proceed to sea. The French had tents and fish flakes erected, fish already drying, and abundance of provisions. They were at the trouble of asserting that they simply put in through stress of weather. Having been called together, it was told them they had no right there, which they did not deny; and to prevent any further difficulty occurring, owing to their returning to the ground under any supposition that the fishing grounds would be no better protected than in the previous years, they were informed of the several vessels charged with this part of the coast, as also, that a boat would be left throughout the season. They were also requested to inform their countrymen of these parts. Having caused everything to be embarked and their boats in readiness for sea, orders were left with the officer in charge of the ship's cutter, to cause them to proceed to sea as soon as the wind should moderate. Mr. Tobin in his schooner was to visit the Island the following day on his way to Quirpoon to look after the promised boat.

Late in the evening of the 27th stood to the northward, and hauled in for the land about the Seal Islands, passing to the eastward of the Round Hill islands—observed great numbers of boats fishing along the shores.

On rounding Spotted Island observed about thirty vessels in an anchorage called Domino. Being unable to procure a competent pilot, and the charts being useless, anchored for the night under the White Islands, and proceeded the next morning to visit an anchorage between Indian Island and the main, called Indian Tickle, in which there were at anchor twenty seven schooners, and eleven vessels. As many as three hundred have been known to be at anchor at one time. Warren Brothers have a large shore establishment.

Proceeding towards Long Island, observed great numbers of boats fishing among the Islands. In the afternoon visited Curliou Harbor. There is no person living here. Visited Long Island Harbor, in which there were at anchor eighteen square-rigged vessels, and seventeen schooners. A few families reside there during the winter.

On the 31st visited Gready Harbor, where the English firms of Soper & Hanley have shore establishments, the first exporting 9000 quintals, and the second from 5 to 6000. There were five square-rigged, and ten schooners, belonging mostly to Newfoundland. 135 persons reside here during the winter.

Proceeded to Egg Harbor in Huntringdon Island, and visited Cartwright Harbor, where there is a large establishment catching salmon. Five vessels were at anchor.

Visited Palk's Harbor, in which there were thirteen schooners, and fourteen square-rigged vessels. In Dumpling Harbor six square-rigged, and one schooner. In Francis Harbor there were five American schooners.

Revisited Great Harbor and enquired into some complaints made there, and anchored for the night in Curlew. On the 6th August, weighed and proceeded to the harbors adjacent to Cape Harrison, distance 65 miles, but in consequence of the continued fog, rain, and bad weather, and the very numerous icebergs, was detained six days off the Cape. As soon as the wind and weather moderated, made sail to the southward.

On the 14th visited Belle Isle, North, where one boat which had remained from 27th July to the 14th August, had totally prevented all French encroachments. Found here also the colonial brigantine *Jane*, of 58 tons and six men, with Mr. Finlay, charged with the protection of the Fisheries at Belle Isle Island. He had been very unfortunate indeed in the

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weather he had experienced, and also in the delay occasioned in the fitting of another vessel, as the cutter contracted for by the colonial government was not of capacity and safety for the voyage, and had but arrived on the 13th ultimo.

It was notified me by letter from Mr. Tobin, that he had left St. Charles Harbor in the schooner *Charles*, on the 12th, for St. George's Bay, the contract for his vessel returning to St. John's, Newfoundland expiring at the end of the month.

I signified to Mr. Finlay it was desirable he should remain in Sack Harbor, Belle Isle, until the 20th ult.; it was necessary to withdraw the ship's boat. The contracts for his vessel returning to St. John's, Newfoundland expired on the 31st ult.

Hearing of the arrival of H.M. steam sloop *Buzzard*, on the coast, proceeded for Forteau Bay, but owing to a dense fog, and very strong southerly breeze, anchored in Chateau Harbor, and on the 16th proceeded to Forteau—found here H.M. steamer sloop "Buzzard."

The ship's cutter, during her stay at Belle Isle, sent thirty-two Batteaux, and two schooners, out of Black Joke Cove, mustering 144 men.

Several vessels were being fitted out at various of the North-eastern ports, to come over, but hearing that the Island was permanently occupied, desisted; numerous batteaux cruized about the Island; these, for the above reasons, also returned.

The Colonial force from Newfoundland consisted this year of—a boat and four hands off Cape St. John;—the schooner *Charles*, in charge of Mr. Tobin; schooner *Jane*, Mr. Finlay; and a boat in the Straits of Belle Isle, in charge of Mr. Crockwell.

Mr. Tobin, and the several gentlemen under him, performed all the services required of them as efficiently as possible; and although Mr. Finlay did not arrive as early as was expected, having been delayed by circumstances beyond his control, yet as he called at various of the harbours on the North-east end of Newfoundland, and informed the French that no fishing would be allowed at Belle Isle, his misfortunes were turned to a good account.

In the following pages will be found remarks on the incorrectness of the charts to the Northward of Cape Charles. (The harbours along this coast were last visited by the *Crocodile*, Capt. Milne.)

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ON THE INCORRECTNESS OF THE CHARTS TO THE WESTWARD OF CAPE CHARLES.—Proceeded from Cape Charles (which is, in one of the Government charts, nineteen miles of longitude too far to the eastward) to the Northward and hauled in to the land about the Seal Islands. Last Survey, 1775.—Observed great numbers of boats fishing along the shores. Passed the Round Hill Island, whose relative positions did not agree with the chart, and

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anchored under the White Islands, not a good anchorage, the holding ground being bad. The Islands forming this harbor are also incorrectly laid down, as regards each other, and on sounding about the harbor found a dangerous isolated patch, with three fathoms least water, about a cable's length from the centre of a small Island to the S. W. of White Island.

At 4 A. M., weighed and visited Indian Tickle, where I was informed there was a dangerous rock, twelve feet least water, bearing North (true) from the centre of Indian Island, distant about a quarter of a mile, which rock is not down in the chart.

Proceeded from thence to the Black Islands, passing by Greedy Harbor, and anchored in Curlew. Visited in a gig Long Island Harbor, about which there are numerous rocks and ledges not laid down.

From Curlew visited Greedy Harbor, off which there is an Island, upwards of a mile long, not laid down.

Proceeded to Egg Harbor, and from here visited in a boat Cartwrights Harbor, Rock's Harbor, Dumpling Harbor, and Independent Harbor, to the Northward of which there is no place on the coast except the General Chart of the North Atlantic. From Egg Harbor revisited Greedy and Curlew.

Of the various anchorages called harbors, which were visited, those of Curlew, Egg, and Cartwright alone deserve the name; the others used by fishing vessels during the season are considered safe during that period, but several of them were so narrow as to occasion the vessels to be moored head and stern to the rocks.

Egg Harbor.—Long. 1775., 56, 38 W., long. 1820, 56, 38 W., long. by *Sappho*, 56, 50, 20. From the only sights it was possible to obtain, which was at Egg Harbor, the longitude of that place is twelve miles too much to the Eastward. Cape Charles.—Long. 1775, 55, 20, W., long. by Captain Bayfield, 55, 37, 30, long. by *Sappho*, 55, 37, 30. This would convey the idea that the whole coast from Cape Charles to Sandwich Bay is all laid down too far to the eastward.

Of the Bay of Esquimaux (where the Hudson's Bay Company have recently established a large Salmon Fishery) little or nothing is known, even in Sandwich Bay, as also of the Favourite and Fortune Islands.

Of the several Harbors about Cape Harrison, the resort of the American schooners engaged in the Cod Fishery, but little is known.

The difficulty of obtaining any fisherman in whom to put trust as pilot, is very great, and little or no faith could be bestowed on them.

Adjacent to Cape Harrison, a current is said to run as much as three knots an hour to the southward, though we did not experience it, the weather while off there, being a continued series of fogs and rain. The icebergs were also very numerous, as many as forty large ones being in sight at a time; these were of enormous size, compared with those in the Straits of Belle Isle.

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From Cape St. John to Cape Bauld, there were, I was informed, moored in the various

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Harbors 159 vessels, in addition to which a hundred bankers visited occasionally ; last year occupying the Western Shore, there were about fifty vessels.

The loss the French have suffered this year, has been enormous, as not only has the fishery been bad on their own shores, but by the boat of Mr. Crockwell, Mr. Tobin's schooner, the presence of a Man-of-War, and the ship's cutter permanently left at Belle Isle, they have been prevented from taking fish to the amount of 160,000 quintals, the value of which, in addition to the bounty they receive, may be represented by £80,700 ; the oil extractable from the livers would have been worth at cash £30,000 ; making a total loss, at the lowest calculation, of £110,700.

Should we enforce our claims to the Groais Islands, Belle Isle, east, from the fact of their being Islands, and the French being by Treaty only allowed to fish on the main, and not because they are a certain distance from the shore, we shall, by the previous mode, gain several important fishing posts; among these especially would be the fish at Islands ; Quirpoon, adjacent to Cape Bauld ; Green Island, in the straits of Belle Isle ; St. John's Islands, in the Bay of St. John's, near Point Ferrolle ; though difficulty would occur, as many of the Islands at the N. E. point, form the harbours.

The French derive very great advantage from their shallops (which are large boats of about 10 tons, attached to their vessels, sometimes to the number of fifteen) being left at the stations to which the vessels belong on their return to Europe.

These large boats enable them to keep the sea, and are the principal means by which they encroach on our grounds.

The French encroachments in the Straits of Belle Isle, generally commence about the 20th July ; the fish at that time leaving the East and West shores of Newfoundland, strike into the Straits of Belle Isle.

The encroachments from Blanc Sablon to Red Bay are made by the French whose stations are on the North Western extremity of Newfoundland.

It being too far from those harbors for the boats belonging to the vessels to fish along the Labrador shore, and return to Newfoundland, they have been in the habit of coming over and mooring their vessels about Loup Bay and the Modeste Islands.

To their having been warned early in the spring by Mr. Tobin and Mr. Crockwell, that such infringements of the Treaty would not be permitted, is in a great measure to be attributed the fact of no Frenchman having been seen at that part.

The estimated quantity of fish generally taken by the French between Blanc Sablon and Red Bay, averages, I am informed, 70,000 quintals.

The encroachments at Belle Isle are made by the boats of the vessels stationed at the numerous harbors at the north-eastern extremity of Newfoundland. They generally come over about the 15th of July, making their head quarters at Black Joke Cove. Vessels do at times moor head and stern in Lark Harbor.

It is stated that the average quantity of fish caught is from 80 to 100,000 quintals.

I would suggest, for the protection of the fisheries in the Straits of Belle Isle, that a small

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steamer (devoted expressly to this service, and whose Commanding Officer should be employed for successive years) would be the most advantageous vessel for that service, having four or five whale boats; one of these might be left at Loup Bay, having charge of the coast from Blanc Sablon to Red Bay, another to be left at Black Joke Harbor, Belle Isle Island. This force, with the knowledge that a man-of-war was in the vicinity, would be quite sufficient.

The steamer might then proceed with the very greatest advantage to determine the latitude and longitude of the various headlands, and if possible, to survey some of the more important anchorages to the northward of Cape St. Lewis.

A small steamer could easily supply herself with wood fuel, and would be more efficient than two, or even three, sailing vessels.

At Cape St. John it will always be desirable to maintain a boat, to cause the boundary to be respected. Should we determine to maintain our rights to the Groais Islands, Belle Isle east, a vessel of about 25 tons would be requisite.

American fishermen limit themselves to the Cod fishery, and generally avoid giving cause of complaint; though I have been informed that in the vicinity of Salmon River, (adjacent to the Esquimaux Islands) to the westward of the Straits of Belle Isle, complaints are made of their employing seines, and where these are employed, the fishery carried on by the parties living there, by lines, does not answer, the fish, it is said, becoming scared.

Their vessels are as usual of a superior description, well-built and found, boats neatly built and fitted as whale boats. Some of their vessels fish to the westward of the Straits, though most proceed to the vicinity of Sandwich Bay and Cape Harrison, where they generally complete their cargoes in about six or seven weeks. All their fish is salted down in bulk, a large portion of which is dried on their return to the Straits, from whence many fit out for the Mackerel Fishery in the Gulf. About the 10th August is the average time of their leaving the Northward.

Fewer vessels, it is said, fished to the Northward this year, probably not more than 150; many of their best hands are Novascotians, receiving 20 dollars a month wages.

THE COD FISHERY.

The Cod Fishery in the Straits of Belle Isle, is a shore fishery: that generally conducted to the Northward of Cape St. Louis is by means of vessels, which follow the fish to wherever they happen to have struck in. Having completed their cargoes, which are salted down in bulk, they are taken to various ports to be cured, some of which are about Francis Harbor, others in Newfoundland.

I should suppose that the total number engaged in the Cod fishery, from Cape Charles, Northward, to Esquimaux Bay, was about 6,500; of these a great number are women, wives and daughters of fishermen, and are employed to clean the fish, and also nominally to clean the vessels; they are engaged at small wages, and are said to do as much work as the men. A stronger and more healthy set of men and women, I have rarely seen.

Of the extraordinary quantity of fish taken to the Northward, I was told by Messrs. Larmour and Daw, at Gready Harbor, that two tons and a half of round fish was caught with hooks and lines, per man, per diem; this is equal to about fifteen quintals dry. The fish, it must be observed, are caught about a fathom from the surface.

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Five hundred quintals of round fish, and sometimes much more, are hauled in seines, though the average may be considered sixty. The fish are generally small, not averaging more than four pounds.

I would suggest that, as in the harbors to the Northward, great numbers of vessels are fishing at one time together, and so close as almost to foul, that an establishment at the principal places of resort, for the purpose of extracting oil from the livers, would be very advantageous.

The method of extracting oil from the cod livers by steam is employed in one establishment at St. John's, Newfoundland, producing so very superior an article, that a medal was awarded at the Exhibition for it; there is also an establishment at Blanc Sablon for the same purpose.

In connection with this, might be a factory for making available the enormous quantity of heads and bones (which are now thrown overboard) into the most valuable of manures; for when it is considered that it takes three quintals of round fish to make one of dry, it would not be over the mark to suppose, that a third of what is now wasted, would be available for manure—now not only lost, but by being thrown overboard, tends to pestify the water, and very probably is the cause of the desertion of some localities by the fish, before famous for their resort.

Calculating roughly, out of every thousand quintals of dry cod, equal to three thousand round, there would be saved 650 tons of an useful article of commerce.

If these premises, relative to the increased value of cod liver oil extracted by steam, and the quantity and quality of the manure to be derived from using the offal, be correct, and I believe them to be so, the value of the three thousand tons of round fish would be increased several thousand pounds.

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Off Esquimaux Bay and about Cape Harrison, saw great numbers apparently among shoals of caplin, the birds that follow caplin being numerous. Saw no whaler during our cruize.

SEAL FISHERY.

This lucrative branch of Trade, as pursued from the shore, is by means of shoal and frame nets, and is carried on at some of the available points. I am told that although the seals do not always strike in, yet the fishery never fails to reward those who systematically pursue it.

The outlay is small, and the profits, in the fortunate years, very great; the periods of fishing are about Christmas, when the seals are going south, and as soon as the ice breaks up in the spring.

THE EXTRACTION OF OIL FROM SEAL BLUBBER.—The oil from the seals is extracted partly by compression, by which the cold drawn oil is obtained; resort is then had to boiling the blubber in large pans or cauldrons.

The same method and the same apparatus might be used for extracting the oil from seal blubber, as from cod livers, and when the difference of value of the oil made by the different methods is considered, it is curious it has not been carried into effect.

The quantity of oil wasted, partly by volatilization, in boiling in the cauldrons, and the

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inferior value given to the rest by its becoming carbonized or browned, is considerable; were the whole extracted by steam, the advantage would be very great. The expense of fuel may be quoted against the method, but the number of vessels that go to the cod fishery with no cargo but the salt for their fish, would render the transport of coal cheap.

Salmon are caught in small quantities all along the shores of the Straits of Belle Isle, and even off Belle Isle Island, but it is to the Northward about Sandwich and Esquimaux Bays, that the great salmon fisheries of the North commence. It is much to be regretted that so little is known, to the public generally, of the available rivers, bays, &c., about those parts.

I may mention as a curious fact, that within the last year, a large establishment has been made in an excellent harbor, where not a house has stood for near half a century, now catching twelve hundred tierces of salmon, with a probable chance of doubling that amount.

Such resources, it is desirable, should be found out and developed, to whoever they may belong.

I was informed also, that owing to the reckless way of fishing some of the smaller streams for salmon, they are now totally deserted by the fish.

Persons who have fixed establishments for salmon fishery, are of course too mindful of their interests to net the rivers across, or not to observe the close season; but it is those who, arriving first at a stream, take possession and determine to make the most of it, regardless of the future.

It would be difficult, perhaps impossible, on so extensive a coast, to prevent this practice, but should it become the custom to send a Man-of-War to those parts, fines might be levied on those found guilty of such improprieties.

The Herring and Mackerel fisheries may be said not to be pursued in the Straits of Belle Isle. Herring is caught for bait, and a small quantity is taken home.

The herring at Forteau, which were being packed for shipments, were not equal in size to what I had expected from the accounts of Labrador herring.

Mackerel are not taken in any quantity, and may be said not to frequent the Straits or the bays of Esquimaux.

Neither herring nor mackarel have been seen for fifteen or sixteen years about Sandwich Bay.

Caplin and lance are the baits used for the cod to the Northward.

Fishermen, through the straits of Belle Isle, mostly fish for Jersey Houses, some coming from Jersey, others from Canada and Nova Scotia, the remainder from different parts of Newfoundland.

Of the three first, they arrive, if possible, so as to commence operations about the 20th June, at which period, on an average, the caplin strike in. The vessels which bring those persons generally remain during the season.

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Of the Newfoundland fishermen, some remain throughout the winter, taking care of the fishing establishments and catching seals.

Others come from Newfoundland as soon as the seal fishery is over, and are left at various fishing establishments, while the remainder pursue the cod fishery from vessels.

Many of this class may be considered as improvident. The establishment of a Savings' Bank at St. John's, Newfoundland, has done much to improve their habits of thrift.

It must be a bad year, indeed, when an able-bodied man cannot lay by £10 per annum, and if the seal fishery is successful, certainly, double that, over and above his expenses.

I should recommend that at the end of every year, their accounts should be given them, with the price of all the different articles furnished.

It is almost needless to say how much the benefits of Temperance Societies would be felt in this community, as, so far as I am informed, it is not unfrequent, after a man has laid by his savings in his employer's hands for some years, to draw and spend it all in some drunken frolic.

I have the honor to report my arrival.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ARTHUR A. COCHRANE,

Commander.

Vice-Admiral Sir GEORGE F. SEYMOUR,
K.C.B. & G.C.A.

LETTER FROM JAMES TOBIN, Esq., ON THE PROTECTION OF THE FISHERIES
AT BELLE ISLE AND LABRADOR.

SANDY POINT, ST. GEORGE'S BAY,

August 23rd., 1852. }

[Copy.]

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit you, agreeably with instructions, my journals, kept on board the hired schooner "Charles," by which you will please observe I was fifty days in the Straits of Belle Isle, and principally in the immediate neighbourhood of the Island of that name, during which period I can testify to the entire absence of the French on the Labrador coast, and but once attempted to fish at Belle Isle, from which they were immediately dislodged, on my representation of the fact to the hon. Captain H. A. Cochrane, H. M. brig "Sappho."

It is with much satisfaction I am enabled to inform the Government of the total failure of the French in their accustomed encroachments on the coast entrusted to my superintendence, by which no less than Two hundred thousand quintals of cod fish have been kept out of foreign hands.

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It is but due to the captain and crew of the "Charles" to say that I received from them every assistance they could afford, considering their inadequate number, want of knowledge and experience in nautical matters, coupled with the amount of work which necessarily devolved on them by the absence of the additional crew.

The vessel was staunch and sound in the hull, but the sails, gear, and boats were such as never ought to have been proposed for such service.

Immediately on receipt of Mr. Crowdy's letter of the 2nd ult., I represented to the hon. Captain Cochrane the wishes of his Excellency, that I should place myself and those in my charge under the directions of the Commanding Officer of H.M. brig "Sappho," senior naval officer in the Straits of Belle Isle.

I shall take the earliest opportunity of forwarding my report of the protection of the fisheries for Belle Isle and Labrador, for the information of his Honor the Administrator.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES TOBIN,

*Superintendent, Protection of Fisheries,
Belle Isle and Labrador.*

C. Ayre, Esq., Acting Colonial Secretary.

REPORT OF JAMES TOBIN, Esq., ON THE PROTECTION OF THE FISHERIES.

(Copy.)

SAINT GEORGE'S BAY, }
Sept., 1852. }

SIR,—In compliance with instructions, I have forwarded by the *Charles* my journal, and now beg leave to add thereto a Report containing such general remarks as may prove useful to the service entrusted to my superintendence.

I respectfully approve of the mode pursued by the Government in the distribution of the force employed in the Straits, as it effectually met all the points necessary for protection, and successfully checked encroachments, and by the timely co-operation of the Imperial and Colonial authorities, made the efforts of a single man-of-war perfectly available.

The annual incursions from the French treaty coast usually occur about the middle of July; hence there would be no necessity for the presence of the Protective force, before the first week in that month, when I should suggest the placing two suitable whale boats well equipped at Belle Island, one at Black Joke Cove, and the other at Lark Harbour, to be manned by eight men and a petty officer, making Black Joke Cove head quarters, working the boats at either place as wind and weather would permit—the Superintendent occasionally visiting them, and withdrawing them from the Island on the 25th of August, when the service would

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no longer require them there. I view the possession of Belle Isle as most important and indispensable to the prosperity of our fisheries on the Labrador coast, as it cannot be denied that its vicinity forms the point of attraction for cod and bait during the latter part of July and August, and if not taken or disturbed, strike to the Labrador shore, where our fishermen are prepared to receive them. The results of this season will supply evidence of my assertion.

The Republican subjects have hitherto availed of three chances to complete their fishing voyage by their systematic trespass; firstly, their fishing on the Newfoundland treaty coast; secondly, following the fish and bait to Belle Isle, where they seine enormous quantities (from 75,000 to 100,000 quintals annually); and thirdly, pursuing the voyage to the Labrador coast, even to the very stages of British subjects, and in many instances bribing our needy fishermen to assist them in their unjust and injurious enterprise.

The benefits arising from the vigilant watch kept on Belle Isle this season, were sensibly experienced by our inhabitants on the Labrador; and I was assured, in Red Bay, that during the month of August they were catching fish unusually large and fine, and men of experience were of opinion that it resulted from the non-interruption at Belle Isle, which forced such fish across the Straits to our Labrador shore, as, former years, were only to be met with after the French had left Belle Isle, when the season becoming late and too boisterous, our subjects were but little benefitted by their advent.

Belle Isle will yield advantageous employment to the salmon fisher, when our right is permanently secured to British subjects, and will ere long attract the attention of capitalists.—Owing to the hitherto neglected state of the Labrador coast, Americans have so far encroached on the rights permitted to them by treaty, as to occupy many of the harbors, and become the venders of all sorts of wares, free of duty, collect fish, oils, and furs, &c., return to the United States with their British exchanges of produce, free of all duties, and thus in every way undersell the British trader.

In future it will be very necessary to keep a strict surveillance on all vessels employed in the fishery on the Labrador coast, as every stratagem will be used to frustrate the vigilance of the authorities, unless all registers be liable to inspection, as the Canadian and Cape Breton fishermen speaking French, and the Republican subjects anxiously purchasing Colonial vessels at St. Pierre, and on the French Shore, continuing to hold British registers and papers, may easily elude the most watchful.

The duties of Superintendent of the fisheries might be beneficially associated with those of the Stipendiary Magistrate of the N. West coast and Labrador, who might make occasional visitations during the fishing season, thus having support to enforce his authority, would sufficiently meet the objections urged by the French of a resident establishment existing on the coast possessed by them in right of Treaty engagements.

Hoping this Report will prove useful,

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

JAMES TOBIN,

*Superintendent, Protection of Fisheries,
Belle Isle and Labrador.*

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, &c, &c. &c.

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LETTER FROM MR. T. CROCKWELL ON THE PROTECTION OF THE FISHERIES.

LANCE A'LOUP, STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE, August 9th, 1852.

[Copy.]

To the Honorable James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary, St. John's, Newfoundland.

SIR,—For the information of His Excellency the Governor, I have the honor to inform you of my having strictly and effectually carried out the Instructions bearing date “Secretary’s Office, 20th May, 1852,” and delivered me for my guidance in the performance of the duty with which I had the honor to be intrusted, for the prevention of French encroachments on the coast of Labrador; and the result is most satisfactory, inasmuch as no fish or bait of any kind has been, the past season, caught by the French on the line of coast which I was instructed to protect; it affords me much gratification in producing so favorable a result without having had the slightest rupture or collision with any French crews.

Whilst apprising the French on the coast of Newfoundland of the duty I was charged with, I learned that those French merchants considered themselves particularly fortunate, who, during the past winter in France had gained by lot an establishment for the ensuing five years, on the N.W. shores of Newfoundland, and that they had made unusually large arrangements for prosecuting the fishery on the coast of Labrador, in the Straits of Belle Isle, the proximity of which to their own establishments affording themselves a most desirable advantage.

I would beg to remark that His Excellency’s arrangements for the prevention of French encroachments, with which I have had the honor to be entrusted, has undoubtedly prevented a more than usual quantity of fish from being caught by the French during the past season, in the Straits of Belle Isle. They were most anxious to learn if a Preventive Force would be continued another season.

The Cod Fishery in this neighbourhood is now at a close. The bait and fish, which were on the shore unusually early this season, having entirely left for the past fortnight.

Trusting that the efficient manner in which I have performed the duty of preventing French encroachments will meet with his Excellency’s approval,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

THOMAS R. CROCKWELL.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS ON PROTECTION OF THE FISHERIES AT BELLE ISLE, THE STRAITS, AND COAST OF LABRADOR.

Having received instructions to proceed to Trinity Bay and take charge of the cutter *Gipsey*, hired for the purpose of protecting the fisheries on the Northern coasts of this Is-

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land, &c., I availed myself of the readiest conveyance, and left St. John's on the 12th June, and reached Perlican in Trinity Bay on the 14th.

Upon inspection of the *Gipsey*, I found her not what she was represented to be, and utterly unfit for the service in which she was to have been employed, not having sufficient space under deck for stowage of necessary stores and provisions, and being destitute of other requisites; consequently I was obliged to take the schooner *Jane*, not a very suitable vessel either, but having sufficient space under deck, and ample accommodation for all necessary purposes.

No time was lost in putting this vessel into as good condition as time and circumstances would permit.

On the 21st we sailed, and the following day put into Catalina, where we remained until the 24th, when a favorable time offering sailed, and proceeded Northward.

On the following night it blew a smart gale from E. S. E. which brought the vessel to, the topsail and mainsail being split and otherwise injured; toward morning a sudden shift of wind to W. N. W. blew away the foresail and caused considerable damage to the hull and spars, which obliged us (when the gale ceased) to make for the nearest port, and on the 27th we succeeded in reaching the harbor of Bonavista, where the necessary repairs and outfits were completed.

On the 7th of July we sailed from Bonavista and anchored at Croque on the 10th. My object in calling here was to acquaint the subjects of France with the intentions of our government to protect British waters from further encroachments by all foreigners, that several cruisers were employed for this purpose, one of which would be stationed at Belle Isle. I wished this circumstance to be made known to the French as extensively as possible, so as to prevent any misunderstanding or plea of ignorance on their part.

On the 13th we went into St. Lunaire, where I was received by the French captains with respect; the object of my mission was made known to them, and they in reply said, that it was not their wish to leave their own shores; but the merchants urged them to it, and insisted on their catching or hauling fish without regard to place or circumstances.

On the 16th we anchored at Quirpon; I called upon the merchants and captains, acquainting them with the object of my visit, at which they seemed to affect some surprise, but they were nevertheless courteous and respectful. In the afternoon the French war steamer *Veloz* arrived from St. Pierre, and on the following morning I paid a respectful visit to the Commodore, by whom I was received with great kindness; many questions were asked respecting the number of vessels employed in protection of the fisheries, their names and armament, and whether I had orders to seize French fishing boats. To the latter question I replied in the negative, but added that the Commander of H. M. ship of War upon the coast might possibly have such instructions; I also named the circumstance of having called at several harbors on my way down the shore, and of my motive in doing so. When about leaving, the Commander enquired whether I was in want of anything for the use of my vessel, and not being over abundantly supplied with, fuel he generously gave me what I required.

On the day following, William Dickers and another of the settlers came on board and informed me that the Captain of the French Man-of-War had given orders to all but one family at Quirpon, not to fish there next year; there would be no objection to making and curing their fish, but it must not be caught about their shores; and also, that it was probable some of their fishing rooms would be required next season for the use of French Fishermen.

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On the 19th the *Veloz* left for Croque, prior to which an officer waited upon me at the instance of the Commodore. We got under weigh the same afternoon, but taking the wind a-head, and thick fog setting in, ran back and anchored. We remained here (with contrary winds and thick weather) until the 22nd, when it cleared, and we again endeavoured to get to sea; for this purpose a boat was sent a-head to tow, but the wind was light and the current strong, which compelled us to anchor. In the afternoon it blew a strong breeze from the Eastward, a French Shallop, coming into harbor, ran upon a rock, where she lay for some time without assistance, and seeing her in danger of being stove, I took my boat and crew and (not without difficulty) succeeded in getting the shallop afloat. Next day it blew a smart gale at E. by S. with heavy rain and very cold weather, which continued (without intermission) until the 26th, when we again got under weigh and sailed for Belle Isle in company with a number of Conception Bay boats bound for Labrador. The wind being light we did not reach the Island before midday; it then became very thick, the wind veering southerly and increasing; we ran down the shore keeping the land in sight until abreast of Lark Harbor, when the violence of the squalls obliged us to run off the land and heave the vessel to. During the night the wind shifted and by day-break we were close to the Island, but the sea was too heavy to venture on shore; toward evening we bore away and got into Chimney Tickle on the Labrador shore; here, I was informed, H. M. brig *Sappho* had been at anchor at Muddles Island (a short distance to leeward) for some days, but left that morning.

Being anxious to reach Belle Isle, and deeming it almost impossible to get the vessel there, I decided upon hiring a skiff for the purpose of taking over myself and crew, as the duty of protection could not efficiently be carried out by an occasional run into the Straits in the fog, and firing at some unfortunate Frenchman who may have been driven out of his course by the strong and uncertain currents prevailing there.

Not being able to procure a boat here, I proceeded to the Camp Islands, but could not succeed there. That morning I went to Cape Charles, with the same object in view, but unfortunately met with no better success; at this place I was informed that the schooner Charles (under direction of Mr. Tobin) had been lying there for a considerable time, and was then at Fox Harbor; I also learnt that Captain Cochrane, of H.M. brig "*Sappho*" was very zealous in the cause of "protection," and that he had landed an officer and boat's crew at Belle Isle. From this period to the second of August the winds were light, with occasional calms and thick weather; I again went to Cape Charles, in hopes of obtaining assistance, or hearing something of H.M. brig "*Sappho*," or the schooner Charles, and was told that the former had gone northward, and the latter was somewhere about Henley Harbor. On my return to the vessel, I found the offer of a skiff in waiting; I agreed with the owner, and arranged to start early the following morning, but with the morning came plenty of fish, (which for some days had been very scarce) and the skiff was required for the further prosecution of the fishery. In the afternoon I received a communication from Mr. Tobin, dated Henley Harbor, directing me to place myself under orders of the honorable Captain Cochrane, of H.M. brig "*Sappho*." In reply, I stated my intention of going to Belle Isle, there to remain, but in the mean time his orders would be attended to.

On the morning of the 6th we were again steering towards Belle Isle, with a determination at all hazards to obtain anchorage, but when about a mile off the Island, became enveloped in a dense black fog; we stood on until close in with the breakers, but could not make out the cove; we ran off, and again stood in, but subsequently found that the current had sent us far to leeward of our port. We continued beating about the Straits during the night amidst fogs and icebergs which momentarily threatened destruction to both vessel and crew.

On the afternoon we bore away for the Labrador shore, and that night anchored at Cape Charles. Here I landed some salt which had been put on board by the Contractor, to be

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used at Belle Isle, provided it could be done without prejudice to the service. The day following, scraped and broomed the vessel's bottom which had become exceedingly foul, and also took on board some ballast. During the night one of the crew was suddenly taken ill; I did all in my power to relieve him with my limited means, but he was unable to return to duty for several days.

On the 9th the *Charles* came in from Henley Harbor; I immediately waited upon Mr. Tobin, but regret to say that I did not meet with a very cordial reception. In the evening a boat came in from Belle Isle, the master of which informed me that the officer and crew of H. M. brig *Sappho* were still at the Island, that very few French boats had been there, and that fish was rather scarce.

On the 10th I received a note from Mr. Tobin requesting copy of my instructions; they were sent to him, and returned shortly afterwards with a verbal message to get under weigh for Belle Isle immediately; (it was perfectly calm at the time) a letter also accompanied this order addressed "To the Officer in charge at Belle Isle," with directions that should he have left, I was to deliver the letter to P. F. Little, Esq., St. John's; during my short stay at Cape Charles, a testimonial in reference to my efforts to reach Belle Isle was subscribed by the merchants and others of that place. Very early next morning both vessels were under weigh, the *Charles* (as Mr. Tobin stated to me) for St. George's Bay, and the *Jane* for Belle Isle; the wind was free and the day very fine, and before noon we saw the Cove for the first time free of fogs, this being the fourth attempt to discover the entrance and get into anchorage.

When close in shore I made the usual signal to communicate, and immediately the officer in charge came off, by whose assistance (and without which I could not have succeeded) the vessel was got in and moored.

On the morning of the 14th H. M. brig *Sappho* hove in sight from the Eastward, and by 10 A. M. Captain Cochrane landed, notwithstanding it was blowing half a gale of wind at the time; I immediately waited upon him, and was received with much courtesy; many inquiries were made in reference to my previous movements, but more especially as to the cause of my delay, all of which was satisfactorily explained; I also produced my Journal, from which some important extracts were made by Captain Cochrane. Orders to strike the tents and prepare to rejoin the *Sappho* having been given, I received instructions to remain at the Island until the 20th, after which period there would be no further need of protection.

The following day it blew heavy at W. by S. which threw a great sea into the Cove, whereby the vessel's safety was much endangered. Next afternoon several large boats belonging to different parts of this colony came in from Labrador, also a French batteau; the latter stated that they had been blown off, and asked shelter for the night; I offered them accommodation on board the vessel, which they thankfully declined, and by day-break had left.

During my stay here much of my time was occupied in making a survey of the Cove and surrounding reefs, ascertaining the soundings, and exploring the Island, &c.

Belle Isle is about nine miles in length, and upwards of three in breadth, is very lofty, with bold precipitous shores; there are several small indentations, but they scarcely deserve the name of Coves, and no place where a vessel of considerable size may ride or moor with any degree of safety, excepting at Lark Harbour, situate about midway on the North-west side. The harbor is protected by a small Island lying close to the entrance, and may be said to form the only security for vessels. It is here that the French vessels used to moor, whilst their

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crews were employed hauling fish at the cove, that being the only place where seines can be used to advantage.

Belle Isle as a fishing station has no rival, but the want of safe and secure anchorage is sadly felt by all who visit it; scarcely a season passes without the loss of life and property.— Its soil is sterile and unproductive; there are neither bushes nor trees upon it of any description; some large ponds are to be found about the centre of the Island, to which wild geese resort and breed; they also abound in trout of a very fine description, and I have some reason to believe in the existence of copper and iron; there is an abundance of granite of a very beautiful description.

When the period of my departure arrived, I left the Island, thankful that no disaster had befallen either vessel or crew. On the day after we put into Quirpon, where I was informed that throughout the whole district the fishery had been worse than in any previous year: the loss of Belle Isle was grievously felt and sadly deplored, but the French are not without hope of being permitted to fish there next season; some of the captains warmly expressed their determination to have “plenty fish at Belle Isle next year.”

It is very gratifying to me to be able to state, that the subjects of the French Government have not caught one quintal of fish at or near the shores of Belle Isle during the past fishing season, whereas in former years (according to their own acknowledgements) from eighty to one hundred thousand quintals have been hauled, and in part cured there, whilst British fishermen have been driven from the Island and compelled to seek a voyage at some distant part of the Labrador coast.

On my way homeward I had intended calling at St. Anthony, where I understood a house, the property of a British subject, had been taken down, through some misunderstanding with the French authorities, but strong northerly currents, together with the sailing qualities of the vessel, chiefly owing to the bottom being exceedingly full of weed and barnacles, I could not succeed; therefore made the best of my way home and arrived in due course.

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I have been somewhat more circumstantial in the preceding part of my Report than perhaps may be deemed necessary, but it is due to myself to be as explicit as possible, having learnt that some misrepresentations had been made in reference to the vessel's employment.

During my detention in harbor on the French Shore, my time was almost exclusively employed in gleaning information relative to their fisheries, bounties, number of vessels and men employed this season, with various other statistics; also, the period when the French usually visited Belle Isle, and the quantity of fish annually caught there: to all these enquiries I met with ready replies.

I have already stated my motive for visiting the French settlements on my way Northward, and I deemed it a fortunate circumstance that I did so visit them; the idea was suggested prior to my leaving St. John's, and it met with the approval and sanction of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

From all that I could learn respecting the French fisheries, I was led to the belief that they

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were more of a governmental affair than of private mercantile enterprise, and indeed the people do not deny it, but freely acknowledge that the intention of their government in sustaining the fisheries on the coast of Newfoundland by the bestowment of liberal bounties, is solely to secure a sufficient number of seamen to man their vessels of war, whenever necessity may demand it. The fishermen are also seamen, and are shipped at a fixed rate of wages, averaging from two to six hundred francs, and the boys, who chiefly compose the shore crews, from fifty to sixty francs each; they derive no advantage from the bounty, nor the catch of fish, with the exception of those men who are induced to venture on British waters to fish; to them the employers make some allowance, but I could not correctly ascertain in what shape or form this gratuity was given. The vessels employed in the shore fishery are of three classes and chiefly large tonnage, some of them exceeding four hundred tons. By law the first or largest class are required to employ fifty men and two seines, the second, thirty-five men, and the third class, twenty-five men, with one seine to each vessel; but they are not restricted as regards an increase in the number of men to each vessel, only as regards the number of seines.

The number of vessels harboured between Cape St. John and Cape St. George this year is one hundred and fifty nine, and bankers, within the same range of coast, about one hundred, employing nearly fourteen thousand men and boys; the increase over last year being seventeen vessels and about one thousand men.

The caplin this season was in much earlier and remained up to a later period than usual; this kept the French upon their own shores until the early part of August, when some batteaux from a port up the Straits went to Belle Isle, but were not allowed to fish there, Captain Cockrane having the same day landed the officer and boat's crew.

These persevering people leave nothing untried to obtain a voyage, they use every possible effort that can be put forth; but I regret to say, they wholly disregard the Sabbath; fishing and all other manner of work and labour is as eagerly pursued on that day as any other.

Immense quantities of caplin are caught and cured by the French, which they neatly pack in baskets and ship as cargo; they also cut some fine spars for the use of their vessels, and abundance of timber for house and boat building, and repairing.

The number of British settlers upon the French Shore has of late years considerably increased, but they appear to be kept in great surveillance by the French, which, I apprehend, has had a very baneful effect both upon their moral and physical energies.

They complained much of not being occasionally visited by some proper authority to whom they could appeal for redress in matters of dispute amongst themselves. I was urgently solicited to mediate between parties in matters of account, and in two instances did so, first assuring them that I possessed no legal authority whatever in the matter. Whilst at the Labrador, similar appeals were made to me, but the complaints being more of a criminal than of a civil nature, I, of course, declined all interference.

The number of vessels belonging to the United States, as well as to the neighbouring provinces, every year engaged in trading with the people of the French Shore and coast of Labrador, is immense, and their dealings to an almost incredible extent. The resident population upon these coasts, amount to several thousands, and from the traders the chief part of the supplies are drawn, whilst the transient fishermen have an opportunity to dispose of their surplus produce with great advantage to themselves. These adventurers have now monopolized the entire trading business, especially upon the coast of Labrador; they pay neither duties nor taxes of any description, although they unquestionably come within the jurisdiction

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of this government. By this system of traffic the merchants and traders of this colony are greatly injured, being driven out of the trade by unjust and illegal competition; to correct this evil is not so insurmountable a difficulty as might be imagined and, (with all due deference) should not be lightly regarded.

I would humbly and respectfully beg leave to bring under the notice of the Executive, the great necessity of appointing resident or visiting Magistrates for the northern shores of this Island, and coast of Labrador, (the latter would probably be the most efficient) such Magistrates being duly invested with power and authority to levy and collect duties; a large amount of revenue would be the result; and a fair and equitable trade secured to all parties.

I would beg leave to venture an opinion in reference to British protection of the fisheries by means of bounties; but it is not necessary to state here the many objections which may be urged against the principle of granting a bounty in support of the cod-fishery of Newfoundland; suffice it to say, that experience and observation, with information derived from various unquestionable sources, together with the enormous sum of money that would be indispensable to protect the Government from imposition, must satisfy the most strenuous advocates for bounties that no such extraneous aid is in the remotest degree necessary. That the fishery should be protected from foreign encroachment is evident from the results of the past season; and to carry out the principles effectually, with the view to benefit the fishery population, and to uphold commercial enterprise, a more efficient and extended system than that of the past season should be adopted.

With regard to a future protection, should it again be instituted, I shall feel myself in duty bound to afford all the information which I possess. The protection of the fisheries, in my humble opinion, is of paramount interest to the colonies generally: and, however extraordinary it may appear, has a very powerful bearing upon the principles of free trade; and I have no doubt whatever that, should the fisheries be rigidly guarded throughout the whole of the British Provinces for another year or so, the principle of reciprocity would be more fully developed, and the true interests of all parties better understood. Then free trade might be established between the United States of America and these colonies upon more satisfactory terms than at the present period.

I must again revert to Belle Isle, and notice the cove at the eastern end of the Island as a place of unsafe anchorage for craft of any size exceeding that of an ordinary fishing boat, but it is capable of improvement, and at a moderate outlay may be made comparatively safe for much larger craft.

A dangerous reef of breaking rocks, bearing E.N. from the cove, about two miles distant, and upwards of a quarter of a mile in length, is a very formidable obstruction to vessels passing and re-passing in foggy weather. There are also many other dangers to navigation about the northern shores of this Island, and coast of Labrador, not accurately laid down upon any of the charts, and some are altogether omitted, showing the necessity of a more correct survey.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. FINLAY.

St. John's, September, 1852.

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**LETTER FROM MR. HENRY KNIGHT ON THE SUBJECT OF PROTECTION OF
THE FISHERIES.**

Cape St. John, August 2nd, 1852.

[Copy.]

THE HONORABLE JAMES CROWDY, Secretary.

SIR,—According to our arrangement, before I left St. John's—when I arrived at Shoe Cove, which was the 4th of June, I went to Lascee by land, and spoke to all the French captains in that harbor respecting my business at the Cape for the summer: they each told me they were happy such was the case, that it would be the means of preventing a great deal of quarrelling between them and the English fishermen, which would be the case if some one was not there to prevent it. I told them I should take charge of their seines and boats if they trespassed on the English grounds for the summer, and to instruct their fishermen accordingly. They assured me they would—and I must say, considering their catch of fish, which is very small compared with last summer, (not more than half the quantity,)—they have pretty well attended to the instructions given.

The catch of fish in Green Bay this summer, and more so on the North Shore, is more than double that of last season, while the Frenchmen are, according to their own declaration, 11,000 quintals short up to this time, and on Saturday they put their seines on shore—the caplin being gone.

I have kept a Journal of the summer work and shall send it on, the first opportunity I get. The *Buzzard* steamer arrived here on Friday, the 30th, and inquired if I wanted more assistance: I told him no—the caplin being gone, my trouble was most over: he left me the same day for Belle Isle. The brig *Sappho* arrived at Shoe Cove the 6th July. I did not speak with him, being at the Cape at the time; the fishermen told him all was well, and he started for the Labrador; there was some altercation between me and the Frenchmen about the limits, which I settled in the best manner I could, which, Sir, you will see by my Journal.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

HENRY KNIGHT.

**LETTER FROM INHABITANTS OF GREEN BAY, OF THANKS FOR PROTECTION
AFFORDED THE FISHERIES DURING THE LAST SEASON.**

(Copy.)

To His Honor the Administrator of the Government.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR :—

We, the undersigned, being the fishermen and planters resident in the upper part of Green Bay, commonly called Cape Shore, most respectfully beg leave to tender to your Honor—to the honorable gentlemen of the Council, and to those gentlemen of the Assembly who took a

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prominent part in the introduction and carrying out of a Bill for the protection of the Fisheries from French encroachment, our grateful acknowledgments for the service rendered thereby, being manifest to any casual observer from the following statement, based as it is upon a strict and correct investigation:—

Fish hauled in Lascees in 1851.....	18,000 quintals.
Corresponding quantity in 1852.....	9,100 ditto.
Decrease on the catch of one harbor.....	8,900 ditto.
—————	
Average catch per man on Cape Shore, 1851.....	20 ditto.
Ditto ditto ditto 1852.....	60 ditto.
Increase on catch of British subjects per man.....	40 ditto.
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N.B.—The above is for the Caplin Shool.

The result is obvious, that while our catch for the caplin school is treble that of last year, so has the French catch on the other hand decreased fully one half in the other French harbors of Pacquet, Mieux, Fleur de Leuce, &c., the fishermen of which, antecedent to this summer, were accustomed to take fish from Cape John; the catch is miserably bad (in common parlance) having done nothing at all. We therefore most humbly solicit a continuance of the said protection, which is of such vital importance to the inhabitants of this Bay. In addition to the above good, it prevents the recurrence of those fierce conflicts between memorialists and the French, in several of which serious wounds were inflicted, and life endangered. We must also bear testimony to the active and vigilant conduct of Mr. Henry Knight, the officer appointed by the Government to the Cape John station, and to his indefatigable zeal, discharged in preventing the French from intruding on our fishing ground.

We would earnestly wish that this communication should be published throughout the public press in St. John's, that the people may see the great benefit arising to a large portion of Her Majesty's subjects from said protection.

We are, indeed, with sentiments full of gratitude and respect,

Your Honor's most obedient servants,

[Signed by 214 persons.]

More signatures could be obtained if time allowed.

Cape Shore, August 31st, 1852.

Light Houses.**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES.**

The Commissioners of Light-houses, in submitting a Report for the past year, feel pleasure in being enabled to state that the various establishments under their control are in a most efficient condition, and afford the fullest satisfaction to the shipping interests of the colony.

In their last report, the Board expressed their belief that an improvement could be effected in the light at Cape Pine by lessening the rate of its revolutions. Having communicated with the authorities in England, and obtained their sanction to the change, the Board caused notices to be published in the local papers, and communicated with Lloyds, the Trinity Board, and the Atlantic Steam Companies, notifying that from the 1st July the light would be changed, and that thereafter the flashes would be visible once in thirty, instead of once in twenty, seconds, as before. The alteration was effected accordingly, and the result is, the improved efficiency of the light and a considerable diminution of the wear and tear of the machinery.

After a series of applications which have been frequently alluded to in their reports, the Board have at length succeeded in inducing the Board of Ordnance to relinquish its control over the establishment at Fort Amherst, on condition that the place shall be handed over to them again if required for purposes of defence. The Board accordingly at once entered on the erection of a new building for the Light-house keeper, which is now nearly completed, and will be ready for occupation early in spring, and the annual heavy expense for the repair of the old erection there will in future be avoided.

New lamps have been imported for Harbor Grace Light-house, and the Board have ordered a new Lantern for Fort Amherst, which they expect early in spring.

Cape Bonavista and Cape Spear Light-houses have not needed, and will not require, any repairs for some years to come.

The Commissioners would avail themselves of this occasion, to remark that much Commercial benefit would result from the establishment of a Light on Bacalieu—a place which, considered in reference to the Seal fishery or general Foreign trade, or as regards the shipping interest of Conception and Trinity Bays, seems to demand the first attention, in view of the lighting of the Eastern coast of this Island.

Respectfully submitted by

NICHOLAS STABB,
Chairman.

St. John's, December 31, 1852.

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FORT AMHERST LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

1852.		Sterling.	Currency.
Jan. 6—	To paid Hayden, sweeping chimneys		£0 6 0
	“ Daly, mason's work		0 18 0
	“ McGrath, smith's work		3 4 0
April 1—	“ Keeper, quarter salary	13 15 0	15 17 4
June 25—	“ 124 gallons Oil at £33		16 0 0
30—	“ Keeper, quarter salary		15 17 4
Aug. 16—	“ Hayden, sweeping chimneys		0 12 0
Oct. 1—	“ Kerr & Moody, 1st instalment, contract for building	202 0 0	233 1 6
Nov. 5—	“ Stevenson & Co., on account lantern	50 0 0	
	20 per cent. Exchange	10 0 0	60 0 0
	Kerr & Moody, 2nd instalment	202 0 0	233 1 6
	Gratuity to Keeper's widow		10 0 0
	G. F. Bown, coals		11 2 6
	Peter Woods, conveying oil and coals		4 10 0
	Boat hire		2 10 0
Dec. 31—	“ John Sheppard, keeper, quarter salary		15 17 4
	P. Roach, keeper, quarter salary (omitted October 1st)		15 17 4
	Brooking & Son, sundries		2 3 8
			£640 18 6
1852.	CR.		
Dec. 31—	By General Account		£640 18 6

CAPE SPEAR LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

1852.		DR.	Sterling.	Currency.
Jan. 6—	To paid Brooking & Son, sundries			£3 16 10
	W. T. Parsons, repairing works			11 0 0
Feb. 8—	“ Barron, for a piece of land			10 0 0
April 1—	“ Cantwell, sundries			5 10 0
	Boat hire			0 10 0
	Keeper, quarter's salary		23 15 0	27 8 1
May 1—	“ Ditto, 12 months' fuel		28 0 0	32 6 2
22—	“ Executors N. Croke, amount award arbitrators' balance of account			89 4 5
June 25—	“ 370 gallons Oil			47 15 0
30—	“ Keeper, quarter salary			27 8 1
Aug. 16—	“ Allen, conveying Oil			5 0 0
	J. J. Dearin, sundries			1 13 4
Oct. 1—	“ Keeper, quarter's salary			27 8 1
Nov. 5—	“ Fitzgerald, repairing boat			0 15 0
Dec. 31—	“ Keeper, quarter's salary			27 8 1
	“ Bowring Brothers, sundries			12 18 0
				£329 11 1
1852.	CR.			
Dec. 31—	By General Account			£329 11 1

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HARBOR GRACE LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

		Sterling	Currency.
1852.			
Jan, 6.—	To Brooking and Son, sundries	.....	£10 0 0
	Clift, Wood & Co., lumber	.....	1 13 0
	P. Scanlan, freight	.....	0 6 0
	G. Woolfrey, sundry work	.....	0 17 6
	A. Drysdale, postages, &c.	.....	1 4 0
	J. Mullaly, potash, &c.	.....	1 0 4
	J. Titford, Smith work	.....	1 10 0
Feb. 8.	W. Giles, freight	.....	0 8 0
	Walters, boat-hire	.....	2 0 0
	Punton & Munn, sundries	.....	2 0 10
April 1.	J. Heald, boat-hire	.....	3 0 0
	E. Oke, keeper, quarter salary	26 5 0	30 5 9
May 1.	Ditto, 12 months' fuel	28 0 0	32 6 2
June 25.	857 Gallons Oil at £33	.....	110 8 10
30.	Keeper, quarter's salary	.....	32 6 9
Aug. 16.	J. J. Dearin; sundries	.....	1 9 10
	O'Brien & Co., sundries	.....	0 11 3
	Ridley & Sons, sundries	.....	1 10 6
	Decbezean & Crow, repairing lamps	.....	3 9 6
Oct. 1.	Keeper, quarter's salary	.....	30 5 9
Nov. 5.	Ferris, smith work	.....	4 12 0
	E. Oke, freight	.....	1 0 0
	W. Way, ditto	.....	1 0 0
	E. Oke, paid for conveying Oil	.....	7 10 0
	Pinn, carpenter's work	.....	15 6 0
	R. Oke, sundries	.....	2 2 0
	J. & W. Boyd, lumber	.....	2 4 10
Dec. 31.	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	30 5 9
	Baine, Johnston & Co., sundries	.....	8 5 9
	Bowring, Brothers, ditto	.....	16 4 0
	Brooking & Son, ditto	.....	10 12 0
			£363 15 4
		CR.	£363 15 4
1852.—	Dec. 31.—By General account		£363 15 4

CAPE BONAVISTA LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

		DR.	Sterling.	Currency.
1852.				
Jan. 6.—	To paid J. & W. Boyd, lumber	.....	.....	£7 6 7
	Carnell, 1 Wheel-barrow	.....	.....	1 5 0
Feb. 8.—	Kerr & Moody, sheet lead	.....	.....	1 2 9
April 1.—	Keeper, quarter salary	23 15 0	27 8 1
May 1.—	Ditto, 12 months' fuel	28 0 0	32 6 2
				Carried forward.....£69 8 7

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		Brought forward.....	£69	8	7
June 25.—	498 gallons Oil at £33	64	3	0
30.—	Keeper, quarter salary	27	8	1
Aug. 16.—	Strathie, carpenters' work	.....	6	0	0
	McMurdo, potash	.....	0	18	10
Oct. 1.—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	27	8	1
	James Guy, smith work	.....	1	15	0
	James White, sundries	.....	1	7	9
	Ditto, conveying Oil	.....	4	18	0
Nov. 5.—	John Kough, freight	.....	1	10	0
	J. & W. Boyd, lumber	.....	8	15	0
Dec. 31.—	Keeper, quarter salary	27	8	1
	Baine, Johnston & Co', sundries	17	17	8
	Bowring, Brothers, ditto	6	14	8
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			£265	12	9
1852.—	Dec. 31.—By General account	£265	12	9

CAPE PINE LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

1852.			Sterling.	Currency.
Feb. 8—	To paid W. Hollare, 1 Aneroid	.....		£4 1 5
	" Ferris, Lamp Stand	.....		0 7 0
April 1	" Keeper, quarter salary	.....	26 5 0	30 5 9
	" Assistant, ditto	.....	13 0 0	15 0 0
May 1	" Keeper, 12 months' fuel.....	.....	28 0 0	32 6 2
22	" John Devereux, on account work on Cape Pine Road	.....		40 0 0
	" Keeper, for hire of man last winter	.....		6 0 0
June 25	" 512 gallons Oil at £33	.....		66 0 0
30—	" Keeper, quarter salary	.....		30 5 9
	" Assistant ditto	.....	13 0 0	15 0 0
Aug. 16—	" Dearin, sundries	.....		1 13 4
	" Insurance Oil	.....		0 19 0
	" Carnell, 1 cart	.....		8 0 0
Oct. 1—	" Keeper, quarter salary	.....	23 15 0	27 8 1
	" Assistant, ditto	.....	17 6 8	20 0 0
Nov. 5—	" Dearin, sundries	.....		5 11 2
	" J. and W. Boyd, board	.....		1 0 0
	" Baine, Johnston & Co., sundries	.....		8 5 10
	" Bowring Brothers, ditto	.....		18 16 0
Dec. 31	" Keeper, quarter salary		27 8 1
	" Assistant, ditto		20 0 0
	" Ditto, for fuel		10 0 0
	" Brooking & Son, sundries		4 6 0
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				£392 13 7
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1852.	Dec. 31.—By general account		£392 13 7

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CONTINGENT ACCOUNT OF LIGHT HOUSES.

1852.	DR.	Sterling.	Currency.
Jan. 6.—	To Henry Winton, Jr., advertising		£0 6 0
	“ McCoubrey, ditto		4 9 3
	“ A. Shea, sundry postages		1 0 3
	“ J. J. Graham, stationery		1 3 1
April 1.—	“ A. Shea, Secretary, 6 months' salary	25 0 0	28 17 0
	“ R. Oke, Inspector, ditto		25 0 0
Aug. 16—	“ B. Nurse, hire of vessel, 33 days		33 0 0
	“ Express, printing account		3 3 2
	“ Herald, ditto		0 6 8
	“ Stevenson & Co., wick		10 1 7
	“ R. Oke, quarter salary		12 10 0
	“ A. Shea, ditto	12 10 0	14 8 6
Oct. 1.—	“ Brooking & Son, wick		11 17 3
	“ Baine Johnston & Co., freight... ..		0 4 6
Nov. 5.—	“ Inspector's travelling expenses		22 16 0
	“ Ditto, quarter salary		12 10 0
	“ Secretary, ditto		14 8 6
	“ John Stentaford, Messenger		4 0 0
	“ E. D. Shea, printing account		2 8 4
	“ A. Shea, sundries		5 2 4
	“ Office rent		13 17 0
			<u>£221 9 5</u>
1852. Dec. 31.—	By general account		£221 9 5

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GENERAL LIGHT HOUSE ACCOUNT.

1852.		DR.		Currency.			
December	31—To	Cape Spear Light House	£329 11 1		
		“ Cape Bonavista ditto	.....	.....	265 12 9		
		“ Cape Pine ditto	.....	.....	392 13 7		
		“ Fort Amherst ditto	.....	.....	640 18 6		
		“ Harbor Grace ditto	.....	.....	363 15 4		
		“ Contingent Account	.....	.....	221 9 5		
		“ Balance	.....	.....	55 2 8		
					<u>£2269 3 4</u>		
1852.		CR.		Sterling.		Currency.	
January	1—By	balance	.....	.....	.....	£31	15 11
	6—	“ cash from Colonial Treasurer	.....	£44	15 0		
Feb.	26—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	18	7 6		
April	19—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	57	9 5		
		“ Ditto Ditto	.....	126	15 0		
May	8—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	112	0 0		
	22—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	117	3 10		
July	3—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	263	15 3		
	5—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	126	15 0		
Aug.	16—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	92	18 8		
Oct.	1—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	202	0 0		
	5—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	26	2 2		
		“ Ditto Ditto	.....	128	1 8		
Nov.	4—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	195	4 6		
		“ Ditto Ditto	.....	202	0 0		
Dec.	8—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	100	1 3		
	31—	“ Ditto Ditto	.....	128	11 8		
					<u>£1939 1 1</u>		<u>£2237 7 5</u>
							<u>£2269 3 4</u>

Errors Excepted.

St. John's, 31st December, 1852.

NICHOLAS STABB,

Chairman of Commissioners Light Houses.

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**REPORT AND RETURNS FROM THE POST-MASTER GENERAL FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 5TH JANUARY, 1853.**

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
St. John's, January, 1853. }

SIR,—In laying before you, for His Excellency the Governor's information, the returns of this Department for the fiscal year ended 5th January, 1853, I may here observe that a General Postal System has nowhere been introduced under greater difficulties than in this country, which, in a great measure, are caused by the imperfect communications throughout the Island, both by land and water: and it must be deplored that to this period so little has been effected for overland travel. No very great regularity can be anticipated from mail conveyances whilst the couriers are retarded, as at present, by the marshy and swampy nature of the roads on the most important lines. Under the most favourable circumstances, they journey over mere tracks or footways, whilst the less frequented routes lie through a wild country, where neither roads nor paths have yet been formed; where unbridged rivers or streams have to be crossed, which is frequently the case, and the couriers are compelled to ford them, often wading to a considerable depth and exposed to strong rapid currents.—Thus the courses of some of the couriers have to be taken without a line or mark to guide their way, which they have to find instinctively, or by the assistance of the compass. Under such circumstances, our Postal arrangements must necessarily be both expensive and imperfect. I would therefore strongly, but respectfully, urge the necessity of Postal Lines being so far completed as to enable couriers to travel with some degree of celerity, and without the exposure to which they are at present subjected.

Notwithstanding so many disadvantages, however, it is gratifying to state, that the Department appears already to be valued in the extern districts, from the many applications that have been made to me from various places for the extension of Postal routes. Owing to the present arrangement being merely experimental, and from the difficulties to which I have partially alluded, I did not feel myself warranted in bringing them under the notice of His Honor the Administrator of the Government. The following provisions, however, I apprehend, might be made with advantage, in addition to the suggestions contained in my Report of Feb., 1852, viz., a courier from Burin to Lamaline, and a way-office at the latter place; also a messenger between Brigus and Port-de-Grave, as requested in the petition hereto annexed. A way-office and courier for Lamaline have already been recommended in my letter of the 15th September last. On a reconsideration of this subject, I would now recommend that a bridge be built over Tate's Brook; that Belloram be excluded from the present Harbor Briton route, or at least when contrary winds would prevent the mail boat from reaching her destination in due course, that the Mails be continued to be forwarded to Harbor Briton, as at present; and a messenger be stationed at Burin for the purpose, on the arrival of the Mails there, of conveying those for Lamaline to that place.

I have further the honor to add, that on my advocacy of the introduction of an extended Postal system into this Island, and which was so creditably sustained and carried through the Legislature by the ex-member for Placentia (Mr. Delaney) I was not sanguine that it would result in a remunerative return for many years; and which, under the most promising view, could not be expected from proceeds derivable from the correspondence of so scattered a population as obtains in this Island. My object was, to secure to the inhabitants of distant localities, who, for the greater portion of the year, were excluded from all intercourse with the capital, and indeed but a few miles beyond their immediate neighbourhood, a ready means of correspondence, and the increasing revenue, shows a disposition on their part to avail them-

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selves of the benefits that have been extended to them ; and I entertain the hope that, ultimately, the dissemination of general information through Postal channels, will tend to elevate the character of our population at large, the inevitable result of the spread of intelligence among any people. I trust, therefore, that a liberal support will be given to the Department by the Legislature, for the extension of its operations.

Increased facility has been given to correspondence between the Northward, as far as Bonavista and Conception Bay and this place, by a fine steamer being placed by the spirited people of Conception Bay on that station, and it will be perceived that a contract for the conveyance of the Mails has been entered into between myself, on the part of the colony, and the Directors of the company, for a period terminating in two years. And I would here beg to observe, that the present mode of forwarding Outport Mails has been very justly complained of ; for example, should the Mail Packet arrive from Halifax in the afternoon, the Mails for Conception Bay could not be at Portugal Cove until half-past eight o'clock that evening, and as the safety of the Steamer requires that she should leave the Cove at a much earlier hour, the Mails would not reach Conception Bay until next day ; consequently return Mails could not be despatched from that place in time to be forwarded by the return boat to Halifax. As this defect applies to other Districts, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of the employment of a person to assort the Outport Mails immediately on arrival from Halifax, instead of, as at present, despatching those mails after a partial delivery of the town letters has been effected.

The number of persons at present employed in assorting the inward and outward Mails to and from Halifax are two Clerks and the Messenger.

The messenger (J. Freeman) receives an annual stipend of £25 per annum ; this also is insufficient for the services he performs. Since his appointment as messenger, Inland Mails are received and despatched daily, instead of three times a week, by which his labours are very considerably increased, and his daily attendance required at the General Post Office. He has also to discharge the duties of an assorter on the arrival of the Foreign Mails, which was suggested in framing the Postal Act passed the 14th June, 1852, it having been then contemplated to combine the duties of messenger and assorter, but was not adopted, it being afterwards found that the sum allowed would not warrant an enforcement of both services. He has, however, since that time been engaged in the discharge of those duties, and his continuance in the performance of them has become indispensable.

I would here take the liberty of expressing the opinion, that small and inadequate stipends to deserving officers, do not tend to benefit the Department, but rather to create and engender habits of inactivity and disaffection in the discharge of their official duties.

An appropriation for contingencies, as recommended in my report of last year, not having been made by the Legislature, great inconvenience has been experienced by the Department. Important notices to the public, both Local and Imperial, have had to be withheld ; numerous forms of various kinds, required by the Establishment, beyond the sum granted for that purpose, I have had to obtain on my own responsibility, as will appear from the accompanying accounts, exclusive of the charge for printing lists of unclaimed letters (£10 stg.) and which, up to the transfer of the Post Office to the colony, had been defrayed by the Post Master General of London ; I trust I may be reimbursed for the expenses thus incurred.

A further sum will also have to be provided by the Treasury for procuring, from time to time, Mail Bags, Stamps, and various other items necessary for the use of the Department.

With reference to the disabilities under which couriers travel with the Mails, it is respect

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fully suggested, that poles be placed at equal distances on the road between Renew's and Tre-passey, as guide-marks by which the courier may distinguish his way. This route being already referred to as having neither main road or bye-path, there should also be built three places of shelter, such provision being absolutely necessary for the protection of life—as, from the naked and barren character of the country over which the route leads, the courier must necessarily be exposed to those overwhelming snow drifts so common to this country.

Having recommended in my Report before referred to, the expediency of the use of Colonial Stamps for the prepayment of postage upon letters, which was adopted by the Legislature, and inserted in the Postal Act of 12th June, 1852, I would submit the necessity of authority being given for their immediate introduction.

Agreeably to the Post Office Rules and Regulations of the 13th October, 1851, made and ordained by His Honor the Administrator and Her Majesty's Council, "The Inland Postage on all letters to be sent by Packet to any place out of Newfoundland, shall be pre-paid." In reference to which I have the honor to state, that I conceive the widest possible means of circulation should be given to Postal correspondence; and to effect this desirable object, I beg to suggest the propriety of allowing all letters and packets to pass through the Department, the pre-payment on which to be optional with the senders; and that some definite arrangement be entered into with the Postmaster General of the Provinces and Canada, for its collection. The Postmaster General of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as will be seen by the annexed extracts of correspondence, numbers one and two, dated November 17th and November 22nd, 1852, have already been in communication with me on this subject.

I now beg to draw the attention of His Excellency to the important consideration of effecting a reciprocal interchange of Mails between this place and the United States. At present all letters posted in this country for the United States must be pre-paid; and which practice has the effect of checking correspondence and retarding the commercial interests of this colony with the trade of that place. Such an arrangement has been made between the Postmasters General of Nova Scotia and the United States, and I have the honor to annex an extract of a letter of the 6th December, 1852, from the Post-master General at Halifax, upon the subject; with copy of articles of agreement of 1st December, 1852, entered into between the Post-masters General of Nova Scotia and the United States, for the completion of that service.

I further beg to annex extracts of two letters dated the 22nd November, and 20th December, 1852, from the Post-master General of New Brunswick, also treating upon the subject of transit correspondence between Newfoundland and the United States.

I have also the honor to draw the attention of His Excellency to that part of the 10th Sec. of the 14th Vic. cap. 4, in reference to exemption of certain documents and papers from Postage. To prevent the abuse of this privilege, as also to enable the officers of this department to form a correct opinion in carrying out the intentions of the Legislature, I would respectfully suggest that the following conditions be observed:—First, that all letters, despatches and other documents upon public business, intended to be sent free through the Post-office, shall be confined to those passing between one public office and another, and shall have marked on the face of every such letter, &c., the words "On Her Majesty's Service," also the writer's name or office in the corner: as at present private individuals may, without detection, address their private correspondence to public officers, free of charge. Second,—that all books, periodical publications, pamphlets, papers ordered to be printed by either branch of the Legislature, and all returns, writs and process to and from the Sheriffs and their Deputies (except in cases in which the Crown is a party) and all newspapers intended to be transmitted free by post, be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

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This section has also been construed to include the correspondence of Boards and Bodies appointed under the local Act, but which I have not considered to be entitled to exemption. Such correspondence, therefore, in all cases, when sent through the Post Office, have been charged with full rates of letter postage. I trust, therefore, that his Excellency will see the expediency of having rendered more definite the terms and meaning of the section referred to.

The contracts for the conveyance of the mails on the various lines of routes having expired on the 15th October last, 14 new contracts have been entered into for a period of two years, that being the time fixed by the Legislature for the continuance of the Inland Postal Act.

The annexed tabular reports,—numbers 1, 2, and 3, shew,—first the particulars of these contracts, with the amounts, names of contractors, &c.; number 2, the number of Posts and Way offices, Post and Way Officers, Couriers, Messengers, amount of salaries, &c.; and number 3, a general statement of the Post Office revenue up to the 5th January, 1853.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient, humble servant,

W. L. SOLOMON,

Post-Master General.

The Hon. James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary.

PORT-DE-GRAVE, 23d September, 1852.

(Copy.)

We beg to call your attention to a petition presented to the House of Assembly, from Port-de-Grave, during its last session, and referred by them to the Council, praying for the establishment of a Post Office in this place; and understanding that new arrangements were about being entered into for conveying the mails, we hope you will give the matter your best attention, and use your influence in securing for this place the great advantages of direct Postal Communication with St. John's.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

JAS. C. HARVEY, Protestant Episcopal Missionary.

THOS. SMITH, Wesleyan Minister.

J. WILCOX.

JAMES KEEPING.

JOHN J. MARTIN.

THOMAS BUTLER.

To W. L. SOLOMON, Esq.,
Post Master General, St. John's.

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, }
Halifax, Nov. 17th 1852. }

No. 1. (Copy.)

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Secretary to the General Post Office, London, drawing my attention to the mode in which the "Provincial Postage," forwarded from hence to Newfoundland, has been brought to account in the General Accounts with the United Kingdom, since the transfer of the Posts in that Island to the Local Government.

In connection with this subject, I beg also to enclose an account of the Provincial Postage due to Nova Scotia on the correspondence sent from Halifax, and collected in Newfoundland, during the quarter ended 5th October last; and I shall feel obliged if you will have the goodness, at your earliest convenience, to remit to me the amount, viz.: £2 1s. 8½d sterling; and continue so to do at the close of each quarter, till our Legislature, at its next session, make some definite arrangement respecting the collection of this Postage in future.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

A. WOODGATE.

W. L. Solomon, Esq.,
Post Master General, Newfoundland.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, }
St. John, Nov. 22d, 1852. }

No. 2.

[Extract.]

SIR,—By last mail from England, I received the first intelligence that the Post Office in Newfoundland had been transferred to Provincial control, and that consequently the Letter Bill, dispatched from this Office, in which credit had been claimed for one Provincial Rate on Unpaid Letters posted in New Brunswick for Newfoundland, are incorrect. I have now given orders to have the Packet Rates only inserted in the Letter Bills; but as it is advisable to come to some understanding as to the course to be pursued in future, I beg to suggest for your consideration the propriety of each Province (viz. Newfoundland and New Brunswick), keeping the whole Postage which it collects, except, of course, the Packet Rates, and allowing the letters to be sent as at present, paid or unpaid. This is the present practice between this Province and Canada, Nova Scotia, and the United States, and between Newfoundland and this Province: the amount of Postage is too inconsiderable to make it a matter of any great moment.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed)

J. HOWE,

Post Master General.

W. L. Solomon, Esq.
Post Master General, St. John's Newfoundland.

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No. 3. [Extract.]

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Halifax, Dec. 6th, 1852. }

SIR,—Two days ago only, an agreement was signed by the Post Master General of the United States and myself, with respect to the interchange of mails between Halifax and Boston, which has been sanctioned by the Governor in Council. I enclose copy of the agreement, which possibly may be of use to you hereafter, should your Government enter into any similar agreement with the United States Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient, servant,

(Signed,)

A. WOODGATE.

W. L. Solomon, Esq.,
Post Master General, St. John's.

At a Council held at Government House on the first of December, 1852.

PRESENT :—

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas a certain agreement has been duly authorised and entered into by and between the Post Master General of the United States and the Post Master General of this Province, for establishing and regulating the interchange of mails between the United States and Nova Scotia, in terms or to the effect following :

1. That there shall be an exchange of mails between the United States and Nova Scotia at the following points, viz. :

On the side of the United States, at Boston, Mass.

On the side of Nova Scotia, at Halifax, N. S.

2. The postage to be charged in the United States on a letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, to or from Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, shall be five cents (three pence) ; for any distance within the United States, not exceeding 3000 miles, and exceeding 3000 miles within the United States, ten cents (six pence) the single letter. Every additional weight of half an ounce, or additional weight of less than half an ounce, to be charged as one additional rate ; the rates in this section mentioned having been adopted and agreed upon by the Post Master General of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the President.

3. The aggregate postage to be charged in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, or any one or more of them, on a letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, to or from the United States, shall be five cents (three pence) for any distance in either of the said Provinces ; and every

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additional weight of half an ounce, or additional weight of less than half an ounce, to be charged as an additional rate.

4. Upon all letters posted in the United States, to be delivered in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, or posted in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, to be delivered in the United States, these rates shall be combined into one rate, of which payment in advance shall be optional in either country; less than the whole combined rate cannot be pre-paid.

5. The Post Office Department of the United States will collect and keep all the postages on the unpaid letters from Nova Scotia above-named, as well as the postages on letters to Nova Scotia aforesaid, pre-paid in the United States; and the Post Office Department of Nova Scotia will collect and keep all the postages on the unpaid letters from the United States, as well as the postages on letters prepaid in Nova Scotia aforesaid, to the United States.

6. Each mail dispatched from one country to the other shall be accompanied by a letter, or post-bill, shewing the number of letters so posted, and distinguishing the paid from the unpaid, and their postage in separate columns.

7. The postage on newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, unsealed circulars, and all other printed matter must be prepaid, or sent free to the line in the country where posted, and any postage afterwards accruing thereon, beyond the line, is to be collected and retained by the Post Office Department of the country in which it accrues. Newspapers, pamphlets, &c., if not forwarded in covers open at the end or sides, will be subject to letter postage.

8. The postage stamps of either country shall be taken as evidence of the pre-payment of postage.

9. The Post Office designated for the dispatch and receipt of the Provincial Mails on the side of the United States, will stamp "U. States" upon all letters sent into Nova Scotia, &c., for delivery; and the office designated for the dispatch and receipt of United States mails on the side of Nova Scotia, will stamp "Nova Scotia" upon all letters sent into the United States for delivery.

10. The Post Office Departments of the United States and Nova Scotia shall each return to the other all dead letters, unopened, and without charge, every three months, or oftener, as may best suit the general regulations of each department.

11. The expense of transporting the mails by steamboat, between the respective Exchange Offices, weekly, or oftener, as the case may be, shall, on the part of the United States, be borne, subject to the provisions of the second section of an Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to establish certain Post Roads, and for other purposes," approved August 31, 1852, authorising, on certain conditions, a contract for the transportation of the United States Mail on board the steam vessels at present plying regularly between Boston and Halifax; and, on the part of Nova Scotia, by such contract as its Post Office Department may hereafter make for the purpose, with the proprietors of said steamboat line.

12. This agreement shall go into operation on the 1st of December, 1852; and it may be modified from time to time as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto, and it may be annulled by the desire of either party upon three months' notice.

13. Should it be found desirable, Letters and Newspapers may be sent in transit through the United States to and from Havana (Cuba,) and Chagres and Panama (New Granada,) the

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Post Office Department of Nova Scotia to account to the United States Post Office Department for the transit and sea postage at ten cents the single rate on letters to and from Havana, and twenty cents the single rate to and from Chagres and Panama, and two cents per newspaper in either case, or "closed mails" may be sent between Nova Scotia and Havana, via the United States, at twenty-five cents per ounce for letters, and two cents per newspaper, and between Nova Scotia and Chagres or Panama, via the United States, at fifty cents per ounce for letters, and two cents per newspaper, the postage on such closed mails to be accounted for quarterly to the Post Office Department of the United States.

Now therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the authority vested in this Board by the Revised Statutes—Title Fourth, Chap. Number Twenty-three ("Of the Post-office,") Sec. Number Four—His Excellency, by and with the advice of the Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that in conformity with such agreement, which is hereby approved and confirmed, the Rates of Postage in the said agreement specified, shall be charged and payable according to the force and effect of the said agreement, from and after this date.

And the Postmaster General of Nova-Scotia, on the part of the Province, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. H. KEATING, D. C. C.

GENERAL POST-OFFICE,
St. John's, November 22nd, 1852. }

[Extract.]

SIR,—In regard to the transit correspondence between Newfoundland and the United States, which forms the bulk of our mails to and from Newfoundland, I beg to inform you that articles of agreement were drawn up in the early part of last year, between the Post Master General of the United States and myself on the part of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, for the arrangements under which the correspondence at present passes between the United States and these lower Provinces. They were not signed, however, by the Post Master General of the United States, who was anxious to have Newfoundland included in the arrangement, and the matter was ordered to stand over by the Post Master General at Home, until the Newfoundland Post Office was transferred to the Provincial control. I have addressed the Post Master General at Washington about a week since for a copy of the articles in question, with a view of arriving at some settlement, and as soon as I hear from him, I will communicate with you again on the subject.

I am, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed) J. HOWE,

Post Master General.

To W. L. SOLOMON, Esq.,
Post Master General, St. John's, Nfld.

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 GENERAL POST OFFICE,
 St. John, N.B., 20th Dec., 1852. }

SIR,—Referring to the letter of the 22nd ultimo, I beg to enclose for your information, copy of the proposed articles of agreement therein referred to: you will perceive that the difficulty of including Newfoundland in the agreement, arises in providing for the British Packet rate of four pence sterling, which the Post Master General of the United States considers should not be added to the ten cents and fifteen cents rates, because the letters are conveyed on their side of the boundary for much greater distances at those rates.

In regard to this point, I would direct your attention to Article 13, of the Convention concluded between Her Majesty and the United States, in December, 1848.

The difficulty is, of course, one for the consideration of Newfoundland alone; for unless she is willing to sacrifice the postage in question, some addition must be made to the ten and fifteen cents rates.

The bulk of the mail consists of transit letters from the United States, and it may be as well to state in the first place, that no charge is made by this Province for such transit; the letters then are treated as follows:—The letters prepaid in the United States, and taxed 4d. stg., which was understood would be collected by Newfoundland and accounted for to Great Britain; next, the cents taxed on the unpaid letters are reckoned as half-pence sterling, and the Packet rate was added; thus an unpaid 10 cent letter was taxed 9d. stg. 12 cents 10d. stg., 15 cents 11½ stg., and so on; next, the tax on letters from this Province was 6½d stg., composed of the Packet rate of 4d. stg. and 2½d stg., about equal to our Provincial rate of 3d. currency on those letters when prepaid, a rate of 8d. of our currency was collected, and when unpaid, we claimed 2½d stg. of Great Britain for our Provincial rate collected by you; this last claim, as I wrote on the 22nd ult., is now discontinued; occasionally unpaid letters from the extreme East of Canada would be forwarded through this office, but on these no claim was made on Great Britain: the above would form the whole contents of the mail, with the exception of occasional missent letters, &c. Of the above postages, the Packet rate of 4d. stg. only was set down in the bill to the credit of Great Britain, the remainder of the postage being supposed to be collected and retained by the Newfoundland Office, on United States letters, in the same way that the postage collected in the United States on Newfoundland letters, is retained by the United States Government.

With respect to the rates of postage between Newfoundland and New Brunswick, and the mode of collection and appropriation of the postages, I would beg to suggest for your consideration the advantage of uniting the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island to enter with this Province into arrangements for an uniform rate on correspondence to and from Newfoundland. This rate should be composed of our Provincial rate of 3d. currency, say 2½d stg., the Packet rate of 4d. stg., and whatever may be your Inland rate in Newfoundland; the payment of the combined sum (or its equivalent) to be optional, but not less than the whole to be prepaid, and the postage to be retained by the Province collecting it, on the same principle as is at present with letters between these Provinces and the United States.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed)

J. HOWE,

Post Master General.

W. L. Solomon, Esq.

Post Master General, St. John's, Newfoundland.

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ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

For the purpose of establishing and regulating the interchange of Mails between the United States and New Brunswick, it is agreed between the Post Office Department of the United States and the Post Office Department of New Brunswick,—

1st. That there shall be an exchange of Mails between the United States and New Brunswick at the following points, viz. :

ON THE SIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

At Robbinston

“ Houlton

“ Calais

ON THE SIDE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

At St. Andrews

“ Woodstock

“ St. Stephens.

2. The Postage to be charged in the United States on a letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight to or from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward's Island, or Newfoundland, shall be 5 cents for any distance within the United States not exceeding 3,000 miles, and exceeding 3000 miles, within the United States, 10 cents the single letter; every additional weight of half an ounce, or additional weight of less than half an ounce, to be charged as one additional rate: the rates in this section mentioned having been adopted and agreed upon by the Post Master General of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the President.

3. The aggregate Postage to be charged in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward's Island and Newfoundland, or any one or more of them, on a letter not exceeding half an ounce or additional weight of less than half an ounce, to be charged as an additional rate.

4. Upon all Letters Posted in the United States to be delivered in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, or Newfoundland, or posted in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, or Newfoundland, to be delivered in the United States, these rates shall be combined into one rate, of which payment in advance shall be optional in either country. Less than the whole combined rate cannot be pre-paid.

5. The Post Office Department of the United States will collect and keep all the Postages on the Unpaid Letters from New Brunswick and the other British Provinces above named, as well as the Postages on Letters to New Brunswick and the other Provinces aforesaid, pre-paid in the United States; and the Post Office Department of New Brunswick will collect and keep all the Postages on the unpaid letters from the United States as well as the Postages on letters prepaid in New Brunswick and the other Provinces aforesaid, to the United States.

6. Each Mail despatched from one country to another shall be accompanied by a letter or post bill, shewing the number of letters so posted, and distinguishing the paid from the unpaid, with their postage in separate columns.

7. The postage on Newspapers, Pamphlets, Magazines, and all other printed matter, must be prepaid, and sent free to the lines in the country where posted, and any Postage afterwards

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accruing thereon beyond the line, is to be collected and retained by the Post Office Department of the country in which it accrues.

8. The offices designated for the despatch and the receipt of the Provincial Mails on the side of the United States will stamp "United States" upon all letters sent into New Brunswick, &c., for delivery, and the offices designated for the despatch and receipt of United States Mails on the side of New Brunswick, will stamp "New Brunswick" upon all letters sent into the United States for delivery.

9. The Post Office Departments of the United States and New Brunswick shall each return to the other all Dead letters, unopened, and without charge, every three months or oftener, as may best suit the general regulations of each Department.

10. The expense of transporting the Mails between the frontier exchange offices, when the conveyance is by water, shall be borne equally by the Post Office Departments of the United States and New Brunswick; but when the transportation is by land, the expense shall be borne by each in proportion to the distance travelled over the territory of each country; all contracts for such transportation shall, before they go into operation, be approved by the Post Office Department of each country.

11. This arrangement shall go into operation on the 6th of July next; and it may be modified, from time to time, as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto; and it may be annulled at the desire of either party, upon three months' notice.

12. It is further stipulated and agreed, that should it be found desirable, letters and newspapers may be sent in transit through the United States, to and from Havana and Chagres—the New Brunswick Post Office Department to account to the the United States Post Office Department for the transit and sea postage, at ten cents the single rate, on all letters to and from Havana, and twenty cents the single rate to and from Chagres, and two cents for newspapers to and from Havana or Chagres. Or closed mails may be sent between New Brunswick and Havana, via the United States, at twenty-five cents per ounce for letters, and two cents for newspapers; and between New Brunswick and Chagres, via the United States, at fifty cents per ounce for letters and two cents for newspapers, the postage on such closed mails to be accounted for quarterly to the Post Office Department of the United States.

In witness whereof the Post Master General of the United States, and the Deputy Post Master General of New Brunswick, have hereto set their Hands and affixed their Seals respectively this day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one.

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TABLE, No. 1.

Shewing the number of Contracts entered into, number of Mail routes, and the annual expenditure of the same, from the 15th October, 1851, to the 5th January, 1853.

Number of Mail routes.	No. of Contractors.	Amt. per annum.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Between St. John's and Portugal Cove, by coach.....	Robt. Oke	5	0	0	5	0	0
Between Portugal Cove and Carbonear, by boat.....	James Doyle	60	0	0	60	0	0
Between Portugal Cove and Harbor Grace, by boat	A. Drysdale	60	0	0	60	0	0
Between Portugal Cove and Brigus, by boat	Wm. Antle	60	0	0	60	0	0
Between St. John's and Carbonear (and intermediate places) during winter months, by foot messenger	A. Drysdale	60	0	0	60	0	0
Between Carbonear and New Perlican	D. Sullivan	13	0	0	13	0	0
Between New Perlican and Trinity, by boat, £100. and Trinity and Bonavista by Messenger, £20 ...	John Coleman	120	0	0	120	0	0
Between Trinity and King's Cove, by Messenger ...	Jas. Martin	15	12	0	15	12	0
Between St. John's and Ferryland, by Messenger ...	Patk. Ryan	30	0	0	30	0	0
Between Ferryland and Trepassey, by Messenger ...	Phil. Jackman	37	0	0	37	0	0
Between St. John's and Salmonier, by Messenger ...	Walter Shelley	20	0	0	20	0	0
Between Salmonier and Placentia, by Messenger ...	Thos. Kelley	20	0	0	20	0	0
Between Placentia and Burin, by boat	N. Coady	120	0	0	120	0	0
Between Burin and Garnish, thence to Harbor Briton and Belloram	Thos. Harris	60	0	0	60	0	0
Between St. John's, Greenspond, Fogo, and Twillingate, by boat	Thos. Coyle	100	0	0	100	0	0
Between Salmonier and St. Mary's, by Messenger ...	Wm. Peddle	12	15	0	12	15	0
	Total.....	793	7	0			

NEW CONTRACTS

Shewing proportion of Salaries from the 15th October 1852, to the 15th January, 1853.

Number of Mail routes.	No. of Contractors.	Amount per annum.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
For conveyance of mails to and from Conception Bay, per steamer	Concep'n. Bay Steam Ship Co.	180	0	0	40	0	0
For conveyance of mails to New Perlican and Trinity	Peter Coleman	120	0	0	27	4	10
For conveyance of mails to Placentia and Burin.....	John Collins	120	0	0	27	4	10
For conveyance of mails to Burin and Harbor Briton	Thos. Harris	110	0	0	24	14	1
For conveyance of mails to Twillingate, Fogo, &c ...	Thos. Coyel	100	0	0	22	14	4
	Carried forward	£ 630	0	0	141	18	1

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TABLE No. 1—Continued.

Number of Mail Routes.	No. of Contractors.	Amount per annum.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...	...	630	0	0	141	18	1
For conveyance of Mails to Conception Bay by land	W. Coughlan	45	0	0	10	4	1
For conveyance of Mails to Salmonier and Placentia	Thos. Kelly	30	0	0	6	16	4
For conveyance of Mails to St. John's and Salmonier	A. Coughlan	40	0	0	9	1	8
For conveyance of Mails to Ferryland and Trepassey	Patrick Ryan	32	0	0	7	5	4
For conveyance of Mails to St. John's and Ferryland	Matthew Ryan	29	0	0	6	11	8
For conveyance of Mails to Trinity and King's Cove	James Martin	23	8	0	5	6	4
For conveyance of Mails to Carbonear and New Perlican.	Danl. Sullivan	20	0	0	4	10	10
For conveyance of Mails to Trinity and Bonavista ...	T. Singleton	20	0	0	4	10	10
For conveyance of Mails to Salmonier and St. Mary's	Wm. Peddle	20	0	0	4	10	10
For conveyance of Mails to St. John's and Portugal Cove.....	W. Coughlan	10	0	0	2	5	5
		Totals £			203	2	2
Contracts paid to the 15th October 1852, brought over					793	7	0
					£996	9	2

TABLE No. 2.

Shewing the Expenditure for the following services from the 15th October, 1851, to the 5th January, 1853.

Wm. L. Solomon, Post Master General, salary from 15th October, 1851, to 31st March, 1852, 5 months and 17 days at £75	£34	15	2		
From 5th April, 1852, to 5th January 1853, 9 months at £275	206	5	0	241	0 2
Martin Shea, Chief Clerk, salary from 5th June 1852, to 5th January, 1853, 7 months at £75				43	15 0
E. Solomon, Second Clerk, salary from 15th October 1851, to 5th January 1853, 14 months and 22 days at £50				61	7 2
John Freemar, Postal messenger, from 15th October, 1851, to 5th January, 1853, 14 months and 22 days at £26				31	17 10
Andrew Drysdale, Post Master, Harbor Grace, salary from 15th October, 1851, to 30th June 1852, 8 months and 17 days at £15	10	14	2		
From 5th July to 5th January 1853, 6 months at £40	20	0	0	30	14 2
	Carried forward.....			£408	14 4

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	Brought forward...	£408	14	4
Thomas Hanrahan, Post Master, Carbonear, salary from 15th October, 1851 to 30th June 1852, 8 months and 17 days at £15	10	14	2
From 5th July to 5th January 1853, 6 months at £35	.....	17	10	0
Wm. T. Stentaford, Post Master, Brigus, salary from 15th October, 1851, to 30th June, 1852, 8 months and 17 days, at £10	.....	7	2	6
From 5th July to 5th January, 6 months at £20	.....	10	0	0
Anne Buchannan, Post Mistress, Trinity, salary from 15th Oct., 1851, to 30th June, 1852, 8 months and 17 days at £10	.....	7	2	6
From 5th July to 5th January, 1853, 6 months at £15	.....	7	10	0
Mary Morris, Post Mistress, Placentia, ditto	.....		14	12
John Laurence, Post Master, Bonavista, ditto	.....		14	12
James Fitzgerald, ditto, Fogo, ditto	.....		14	12
Joseph J. Pearce, ditto, Twillingate, ditto	.....		14	12
Martin Williams, ditto, Bay Bulls, ditto	.....		14	12
John Morry, ditto, Ferryland, ditto	.....		14	12
John Devereux, ditto, Trepassey, ditto	.....		14	12
Hannibal Murch, ditto, St. Mary's, ditto	.....		14	12
Thomas Birkett, ditto, Burin, ditto	.....		14	12
Thos. E. Gaden, ditto, Hr. Briton, ditto	.....		14	12
Henry Campe, Way Master, Garnish, ditto		4	17
Patrick Hurley, ditto, Salmonier, ditto		4	17
	Total.....	£624	14	4

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, FROM THE 15TH OCTOBER, 1851, TO THE 5TH JANUARY, 1852.

Quarter ended 5th January, 1852.

DR.

January 5.—To Letters remaining in office	.....	£0 5 0	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 6 0	£0 11 0
“ remaining in office	.....	0 11 0	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 1 3	0 12 3
“ remaining in office	.....	0 5 9	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 0 9	0 6 6
“ remaining in office	.....	0 3 6	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 2 0	0 5 6
“ remaining in office	.....	2 12 6	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 0 3	2 12 9
“ remaining in office	.....	0 13 0	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 1 0	0 14 0
“ remaining in office	.....	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....		9
“ remaining in office	.....	
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 4 3	
“ remaining in office	.....	0 0 3	0 4 6
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	1 4 9	
“ remaining in office	.....	0 0 3	1 5 0
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 15 3	
“ remaining in office	.....		0 15 3
“ unclaimed, over date	.....	0 3 3	
Amount paid Colonial Treasurer	.....		52 2 11
			<u>£59 13 8</u>

CR.

January 5:			
By Saint John's Office	.....		£18 1 6
“ Harbor Grace ditto	.....		19 8 0
“ Carbonear ditto	.....		8 2 5
“ Brigus ditto	.....		6 17 0
“ Trinity ditto	.....		2 12 9
“ Bonavista ditto	.....		0 14 3
“ Bay Bulls ditto	.....		0 1 0
“ Ferryland ditto	.....		1 4 9
“ Trepassey ditto	.....		0 4 0
“ St. Mary's ditto		0 4 6
“ Placentia ditto		1 5 0
“ Burin ditto		0 15 3
“ Harbor Briton ditto		0 3 3
			<u>£59 13 8</u>

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QUARTER ENDED 5TH APRIL, 1852.

DR.

April 5.—To amount paid Colonial Treasurer	£54	5	0
" balance carried to credit of account current for quarter ending 5th July... ..		4	4 9½
	Total.....	£58	9 9½

CR.

April 5.—By St. John's office	£14	14	3
" Harbor Grace ditto		15	17 0
" Carbonear ditto		6	4 10
" Brigus ditto..... ..		6	8 7
" Trinity ditto, this and last quarter		6	2 0
" Bonavista ditto		1	8 4
" Bay Bulls ditto		0	3 0
" Ferryland ditto		1	19 9
" Trepassey ditto		0	8 5
" St. Mary's ditto		0	6 7
" Placentia ditto, this and last quarter		1	13 3½
" Burin ditto		3	1 9
" Harbor Briton ditto		0	2 0
	Total.....	£58	9 9½

QUARTER ENDED 5TH JULY, 1852.

DR.

July 5.—To letters remaining in office over date and unclaimed	£1	3	7
" amount paid Colonial Treasurer		77	3 5
	Total.....	£78	7 0

CR.

July 5.—By balance carried from 5th April quarter	£4	4	9½
" St. John's office		21	6 7
" Harbor Grace ditto		22	7 7
" Carbonear ditto		9	2 0
" Brigus ditto		9	6 10
" Trinity ditto		2	8 7
" Bonavista ditto		1	11 11
" Bay Bulls ditto		0	2 9
" Ferryland ditto		1	11 0
" Trepassey ditto		0	5 3
" St. Mary's ditto		0	7 2
" Placentia ditto		2	2 3
" Burin ditto		2	3 7
" Twillingate ditto		0	16 6
" Fogo ditto... ..		0	10 3
	Total.....	£78	7 0½

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QUARTER ENDED 5TH OCTOBER, 1852.

Dr.

Oct 5.—To letters remaining in office over date and unclaimed this quarter	£1 1 6
“ Harbor Briton office, amount of Postages this quarter not yet received	3 2 3
“ amount paid Colonial Treasurer	82 4 10
	Total.....£86 8 7

Cr.

Oct. 5.—By St. John's office	£22 19 5
“ Harbor Grace ditto	22 11 0
“ Carbonear ditto	8 9 1
“ Brigus ditto.....	8 18 9
“ Trinity ditto ...	4 12 2
“ Bonavista ditto	1 15 0
“ Greenspond ditto	0 5 6
“ Fogo ditto	0 14 0
“ Twillingate ditto	0 15 3
“ Bay Bulls ditto	0 4 6
“ Ferryland ditto	2 14 6
“ Trepassey ditto	0 11 4
“ St. Mary's ditto	0 5 9
“ Placentia ditto	2 11 3
“ Burin ditto	2 1 3
“ Harbor Briton ditto, this and 5th July quarter	6 19 10
	Total.....£86 8 7

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STATEMENT, No. 3.

DR.

To Amount of Contracts for conveyance of Mails, as per Table No. 1, from 15th October, 1851, to 5th January, 1853	£793	7	0
Proportion of New Contracts, as per Table No. 1, from 15th October, 1852, to 5th January, 1853	203	2	2
Amount of Post Masters' and Way Officers' Salaries, &c., as per Table No. 2, from 15th October, 1851, to 15th January, 1853	624	14	2
Printing	15	0	0
Stationery	30	0	0
	<u>£1,666</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

CR.

By Revenue for Quarter ended 5th January, 1852	£52	2	11
“ Do. 5th April do.	54	5	0
“ Do. July do.	77	3	5
“ Do. October do.	82	4	10
“ Do. January 1853	80	6	7
	<u>£346</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
16th February, 1853. }

SIR,—I have the honor herewith to annex, agreeably to your desire, a general statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of this Department for the last six months, ended 31st December.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. L. SOLOMON.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, FROM 1ST JULY, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1852.

		DR.		
William L. Solomon, Post Master General	.....		£137	10 0
Martin Shea, First Clerk	.....		37	10 0
E. Solomon, Second Clerk	.....		25	0 0
John Freeman, Messenger	.....		13	0 0
Andrew Drysdale, Deputy Post Master, Harbor Grace			20	0 0
Thomas Hanrahan,	Carbonear.....		17	10 0
Wm. T. Stentaford,	Brigus		10	0 0
Anne Buchannan,	Trinity		7	10 0
John Laurence,	Bonavista		7	10 0
James Fitzgerald,	Fogo		7	10 0
Joseph J. Pearce,	Twillingate		7	10 0
Martin Williams,	Bay Bulls		7	10 0
John Morry,	Ferryland		7	10 0
John Devereux,	Trepassey		7	10 0
Hannibal Murch,	St. Mary's.....		7	10 0
Mary Morris,	Placentia		7	10 0
Thomas Birkett	Burin		7	10 0
Thomas E. Gaden,	Harbor Briton		7	10 0
Henry Campe, Way Master	Garnish		2	0 0
Patrick Hurley, ditto	Salmonier		2	0 0
Robert Oke, for conveying Mails to and from Portugal Cove, 3½ months at £5 per annum	.....	£1	9	2
William Coughlan, for conveying Mails to and from Portugal Cove, 3½ months at £10 per annum	.....	2	1	8
James Doyle, for conveying Mails to Carbonear, 3½ months at £60 per annum	.....	17	10	0
Andrew Drysdale, for conveying Mails to Harbor Grace, 3½ months at £60 per annum	.....	17	10	0
William Antle, for conveying Mails to Brigus, 3½ months at £60 per annum	.....	17	10	0
Conception Bay Steam Navigation Company, for conveying Mails to and from Harbor Grace, Carbonear, and Brigus 2½ months at £180 per annum	.....	37	10	0
Daniel Sullivan, courier between Carbonear and New Perlican for 3½ months at £13 per annum	.....	3	15	10
Two and a-half months at £20 per annum	.....	4	3	4
John Coleman, Trinity Packetman, 6 months at £120 per annum	.....		60	0 0
James Martin, courier between Trinity and King's Cove, for 3½ months at £13 12s. 0d. per annum	.....	4	11	0
Two and a-half months at £23 8s. 0d., per annum	.....	4	17	6
Patrick Ryan, courier between St. John's and Ferryland, for 3 and a-half months, at £30 per annum	8	15	0
Two and a-half months at £29 per annum	6	0	10
			Carried forward.....£532 14 4	

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	Brought forward.....	£532	14	4
Philip Jackman, courier between Ferryland and Trepassey, for 3 and a-half months at £37 per annum	10	15	10	
Patrick Ryan, ditto, 2½ ditto, £32 ditto	6	13	4	17 9 2
Walter Shelly, courier between St. John's and Salmonier, for 3½ months at £30 per annum	8	15	0	
Anthony Coughlan, ditto, 2½ ditto, £40 per annum	8	6	8	17 1 8
Thomas Kelly, courier between Salmonier and Placentia, for 2 and a-half months at £20 per annum	5	16	8	
Two and a-half months at £30 per annum	6	5	0	12 1 8
John Collins, packetman between Placentia and Burin, for 6 months at £120 per annum				60 0 0
Thomas Harris, packetman between Burin, Harbor Briton, Belloram, and Garnish, for 3 and a half months at £60 per annum	17	10	0	
Two and a-half months, at £100 per annum	22	18	4	40 8 4
Thomas Coyle, packetman between St. John's, Fogo, and Twillingate, for 6 months at £100 per annum				50 0 0
William Peddle, courier between St. Mary's and Salmonier, for 3 and a-half months at £12 15s. per annum	3	14	4	
Two and a-half months at £20 per annum	4	3	4	7 17 8
Thomas Singleton, courier between Trinity and Bonavista, 3 months at £20				5 16 8
Printing	7	10	0	
Stationery	15	0	0	22 10 0
				£765 19 6

CR.

Collected Revenue at St. John's Office	£53	0	0
Ditto ditto Outports	109	11	5
			£162 11 5

CORRESPONDENCE OF HER MAJESTY'S ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH A. G. ARCHIBALD, Esq., M. P. P., HALIFAX, RELATIVE TO THE PACKET POSTAGE, &c. AND THE AMOUNT RETAINED BY THE IMPERIAL AND PROVINCIAL POST OFFICE DEPARTMENTS.

(Copy.)

HALIFAX, January 29th, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—I have been requested by the Attorney-General of Newfoundland, to ask whether the sum of 2d. stg. is retained by our Province Post Office Department out of the 1s. stg. charged on Letters received at Halifax for delivery in the Colonies, or mailed in this Province for delivery in England.

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It would seem that a Provision in the Newfoundland Act, similar to that contained in the 14th section of our Act, has been objected to by the Post Office authorities at home, who allege that the whole of the 1s. Packet Postage is accounted for and paid over by the Provincial Authorities.

I shall feel obliged by any information you can give me on the matter referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. G. ARCHIBALD.

A. WOODGATE, Postmaster General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Halifax, February 1st, 1853. }

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your enquiry of the 29th ultimo., relative to the Packet Postage, and the amount which is retained by the Imperial and Provincial Post Office Department,—

The established rate of Postage between Great Britain and Nova Scotia is 1s. sterling, the single rate of half an ounce, viz: two pence of which goes to the credit of the British Office, and two pence to the credit of the Nova Scotia Office.

Unpaid Letters received from England, are taxed with the amount of Postage due to that country,—the total amount of which is set down in the Letter Bill, which accompanies each Mail, and on their arrival at Halifax, the Colonial rate is added, and the Postage of each letter (in currency) marked on it accordingly.

On the paid correspondence, received from England, the amount due the Province is in like manner marked on each Letter, and credit given to Nova Scotia for the same in the proper column of the Bill.

Upon unpaid correspondence sent from Nova Scotia, the amount due the Province is in like manner taxed on each Letter, and entered on the Bill to the credit of Nova Scotia,—while on the paid correspondence the amount to the credit of Great Britain is set down.

Since my interview with you the other day, it has occurred to me, that possibly the Imperial Government intend to demand the whole sum of one shilling on Letters addressed to Newfoundland,—Great Britain being put to an expense of two packets, viz: the packet from England to Halifax, and from Halifax to St. John's, leaving the Province to decide, as to the additional rate, (intercolonial, if they have any, or otherwise) that is to be charged on Packet Letters.

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It also appears to me that if the Letters come out from England charged with one shilling postage, I should think, that there could be little doubt, that the British Authorities expect to receive credit for the whole of that amount:—this however is only my supposition.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. WOODGATE.

A. G. ARCHIBALD, Esq., M.P.P. &c. &c., &c.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
February 22nd, 1853. }

SIR,—In reference to my report upon the Inland Post Amendment Act of last session—and more especially upon the provision contained in the 16th Sec., which I stated had been adopted in accordance with a similar provision in the Nova Scotia Postal Act, by which a sixth of the English Packet postage is retained by the Province, I have (fearing I might have been under a misapprehension) put myself in communication with the Postmaster General at Halifax, and I have the honor herewith to transmit you copy of a letter to that officer, dated the 29th January, and of Mr. Woodgate's letter in reply, dated the 1st instant—which document I request you will have the goodness to lay before His Excellency the Governor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. M. ARCHIBALD

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, }
 April 2nd, 1853. }

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose to you the Report of the Lunatic Asylum Commissioners.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THOMAS BENNETT,
Chairman.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LUNATIC ASYLUM COMMISSIONERS.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,
 March 25th, 1853.

The Lunatic Asylum Commissioners have the honor to report, that having procured plans and estimates for a new Lunatic Asylum, and submitted the contracts to public competition, the lowest tender received amounted to £7,343 1s. 0d.

The plans and estimates were, in accordance with the Act, submitted to the Governor in Council ; but as the sum above mentioned considerably exceeded the grant of the Legislature for the proposed Asylum, no building has been actually commenced, without the sanction of the Legislature to the increased estimate.

In the meanwhile, contracts have been accepted for excavating the site of the building, &c., amounting in value to about £350, so that no material delay need be experienced by awaiting the decision of the Legislature ; and the building may yet be roofed in before the commencement of severe frosts in the present year, so as to enable the internal work to be proceeded with and finished during the winter of 1853-54, which would render the new Asylum habitable for patients in 18 months from the present time.

The Commissioners have spared no pains to obtain the best, and at the same time the most economical, plans and estimates for the proposed Asylum, consistent with a due efficiency of the institution ; and can confidently state, that in comparison with the expenses incurred for the erection of any similar building in any part of the world, the estimates obtained are greatly below the amounts commonly required ; thus for instance, in New Brunswick Five Thousand pounds was voted last session by the Legislature for an additional wing alone of their Asylum. And there can be no doubt that no Asylum has hitherto been built, to accommodate from 80 to 100 patients, as proposed in our plans and estimates, for 7 or even £10,000 ; yet we are well convinced, that the building which we design to erect, will present all necessary accommodation and means of classification of patients (of whom there are now 50 to be provided for immediately.) The Commissioners cannot but observe that a Lunatic Asylum is, of all public buildings, one of the most expensive, in consequence of the great number of separate and isolated rooms required, and the solidity of structure requisite for security (being in this respect nearly on a par with a prison) ; and they respectfully submit to the Legislature their opinion, that tak-

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ing all circumstances into consideration, from 7 to £8,000 can scarcely be considered a large estimate for the building. Subjoined is a statement of the general expenses, as nearly accurate as possible at this time to be given. Should, however, the tenders and prices of last autumn, upon which the calculations are founded, be exceeded in amount this spring, the Commissioners do not hold themselves responsible for the difference, but would confidently refer it to the Legislature.

NEW ASYLUM BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To amount of grant voted by the Legislature	Sterling. | Currency.
	£3,500 0 0 | £4,038 9 2

Cr.

By amount paid by the Government for site and farm	Cy,....£545 0 0
Ditto ditto ditto Commissioners to Mr. Harris, architect, of Hanwell, for plans, &c., &c.	£161 6 6
Amount paid for reducing and modifying of plans	25 0 0
Ditto ditto A. Smith, mason	1 4 6
Ditto ditto Postage	1 7 9
Ditto ditto Advertising	2 0 0
Ditto ditto Cartage	6 11 1
Ditto ditto Fencing materials	15 5 0 —212 15 10
Estimated future expenses of Architect and Clerk of Works	154 14 0
Ditto Contingencies and Advertising	100 0 0
	1,012 9 10
Balance for building purposes unexpended	3,025 19 4
	£4,038 9 2

Estimate of complete building, calculated upon the lowest tenders received and the prices of iron in the English market last autumn

	Cy.	Stg.
.....	£7,343 1 0	—£6363 19 6
Balance available in hands of the Commissioners	3,025 19 4	2,622 10 1
Ditto required	4,317 1 8	3,841 9 5
	£7,343 1 0	£6,363 19 6

The Commissioners, as immediately responsible, deem it their duty respectfully to urge upon the Legislature the claims of the insane poor upon their protection and care, beyond that of any other class of persons, being innocent of crime, and suffering from the awful visitation

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of God; and it is their conviction that nothing is now wanting but a proper building to render the position of the insane in this country as tolerable as possible in their afflicted state.

In the particulars of diet, cleanliness, clothing, and personal care, they are already comparatively well provided for; but the confinement of so many together, in so very small a building, renders it impossible to maintain a pure or healthy state of the air they breathe, and the difficulties in the way of proper medical treatment are known to be very great. The present Asylum, hired in 1847 for the temporary reception of the insane, and never adapted for their medical treatment, has become, from the increasing numbers of inmates and applicants, totally unfit for that purpose. When first procured as an Asylum, the number of insane to be accommodated was 14; the number now is 50; and according to the statistics of North America generally,—the number of insane being as 2 in every 1,000 persons—an annual increase of the number of permanent inmates is to be expected for some years. The consequence of so many insane persons being huddled together, as at present, is both pernicious and dangerous.

We find that patients have been received into the present Asylum from nearly every district in the island, viz., from the following places:

Fortune Bay	South Shore
Placentia	Holyrood
Trepassey	Brigus
Renewse	Bareneed
Ferryland	Spaniard's Bay
Toads Cove	Harbor Grace
Petty Harbor	Carbonear
St. John's	Bay de Verds
Quidi Vidi	Grates Cove
Sugar Loaf	Old Perlican
Outer Cove	Bonavista
Torbay	Greenbay
Portugal Cove	Twillingate

which it is useful to shew in order to prove that the institution is in operation for the general benefit, and not for that of St. John's alone.

The following table will be also found instructive regarding the progressive numbers of the insane annually received into the Asylum since it was opened in November, 1847:

Date.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.	Under treatment during the year.
1847	14			14	14
1848	16	7		23	30
1849	29	7	3	42	52
1850	17	13	5	41	59
1851	19	5	8	47	60
1852	23	18	4	48	70
	118	50	20		

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The Commissioners beg to submit, with their report, an isometrical plan of the proposed Asylum, drawn by the Architect of the Penitentiary, (of whose valuable services they have been permitted to avail themselves) which, if carried out, will, as already mentioned, accommodate at least 80 patients.

THOMAS BENNETT, Chairman.

St. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, }
March 25th, 1853. }

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose my Report on the Lunatic Asylum for the year 1852, and regret that my illness prevented my doing so at an earlier period.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

HENRY H. STABB.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN OF THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

St. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, }
December 31st, 1852. }

During the past year 70 cases of insanity have been treated at the Provisional Lunatic Asylum, of which 23 were admitted within the year, and 18 dismissed convalescent. This large proportion of cures is gratifying, and exceeding that of any former year. Much of this successful treatment has depended upon the auxiliary of sufficient and nutritious diet, without which no treatment will avail in a great majority of cases. The comparison between 1851 and 1852, in this respect, is instructive. In the former year there was a considerable reduction made in the dietry, and the constitution of the year (as Sydenham hath it) was not unhealthy; yet the amount of disease in the Asylum was considerable and unusual. In the latter year, the dietry was restored to its former excellence and quantity; and it is to be observed that the constitution of the year was remarkably unhealthy, sickness and death being rife in St. John's and the district, whereas the Asylum has been very healthy, and the number of deaths less than at any former period. So much does the health of the Insane depend upon a nutritious and plentiful diet.

During the summer and autumn months, parties of male patients were daily employed upon the site of the New Asylum, and the adjoining farm, for the public benefit, and their own advantage in health and spirits. Their principal work has been cutting a bye-road, putting up a picket fence, clearing the building site of brushwood and bog, and digging a drain through it. Work on the farm is of great benefit to those who have begun to recover from

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the severe forms of insanity, and assists materially in promoting their cure. It is at the same time conducive to the health and happiness of those who appear to be permanently insane, and affords them great satisfaction.

The winter months present a lamentable contrast in the appearance and well-being of the insane labourers, who, at that season, in common with the other inmates, suffer very much from the close confinement and vitiated atmosphere of the present Asylum. In the female wards, the patients do not suffer quite so much from the close confinement in very small rooms in winter, their natural habits and occupation being more sedentary than those of men, but their health always suffers from it in some degree, and the chances of cure are much diminished in consequence. Constant employment is furnished to a certain number of the insane women, in making up the clothes for the female department, and mending the clothes of the patients generally; which latter employment is never deficient in an Asylum.

The general conduct of the more permanent inmates of the Asylum has been very satisfactory during the past twelve months; order and regularity has been the rule, and disorderly outbreaks the rare exceptions, consequent upon the well maintained system of non-restraint, forbearance, and kindness, under all circumstances—which produce confidence, and obedience to necessary discipline.

These results, the effects of time, are not found however in recent cases of insanity—for the treatment of which the Asylum is as improper a place as could be well devised; for there is not a sound, hardly a whisper, that is not heard on all sides, by night as well as by day;—and new patients are often greatly terrified, by the unusual and alarming noises around them, produced by harmless but restless and noisy old inmates, whom it is impossible to separate in any way from the tranquil patients. The difficulty of treating a recent patient is therefore much greater than can be well imagined by any one not present in the institution. But every one can understand, that an insane patient, with a violently excited nervous system, must, upon introduction into such a place, become, for a time, worse than before; for every external thing terrifies such a patient, already terrified by his own thoughts.

A position of complete calm, is a first and pressing necessity for every recent case of insanity.—Without it, no one can demand from medical science any curative effect; nor indeed can its healthful resources be employed. I can never too often or too plainly impress this upon the public mind; because, as Physician to the insane, situated in such a wretched Asylum, I am altogether in a false position; in which the application of the most important means of treatment in mental disease is impossible. And I have a right consequently to guard myself from the assumption that I am responsible for the success of the treatment of the insane—because hitherto, the requisite means (available in a spacious building) have never been at my disposal, nor can be in the present building. In continuance of this subject, I would observe also, that the emancipation of the Lunatic from all mechanical restraints, in a building specially designed for the purpose, is considered justly to be one of the most remarkable benefits which has for centuries been conferred upon humanity by the progress of reason and intelligence. No case formerly appeared so hopeless as that of the Lunatic;—his chains and straw seemed a mournful and inevitable necessity; whereas in reality, man's ignorance doubled the infliction of Providence, and made that hopeless which was not hopeless.

I believe there are many yet in this country, who scarcely understand that there is really no such thing in the St. John's Lunatic Asylum, as a strait waistcoat, or any bodily restraint whatever! and that some 50 insane persons move about in the wards at will, and sit down to dinner with knives and forks, and a cleanly laid out table, just like other people. But is there

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no danger in all this ? That is just the question ! In itself there is none whatever,—where various apartments receive classified patients ;—but in a very constricted space, without any classification,—perhaps a good deal ; perfectly unavoidable, however, in the Asylum as it now is. A good Providence has prevented the occurrence of any serious accident up to this time,—and I trust I may have not one to record upon leaving the present house, and entering a proper Asylum,—nevertheless, it has been always a pressing anxiety upon my mind, and ever will whilst situated as at present.

A disgusting and harassing nuisance has been for a long while endured in the male department, caused by rats ; which, from the building having been originally a stable or barn, have established themselves in such numbers that it is found impossible to get rid of them, although great numbers have been destroyed. These predacious vermin cut again through the floors and partitions as fast as their holes are covered up, and destroy bedding and wearing apparel to a considerable extent : and in cases of death it has been found necessary always, on the male side of the house, to place a night-watch beside the body. I should scarcely have alluded to this abominable pest, but to add one more to the many reasons already given, to show the pressing necessity existing for a proper Asylum.

I beg again respectfully to submit to the Government the great desire which I have always felt that the Asylum inmates should be furnished with religious instruction. It would be quite practicable to have Divine Service there once a week, at a small expense ; and there are many of the permanent inmates who would highly appreciate and benefit by this. There are some of them who have scarcely any knowledge of a Supreme Being, and yet are perfectly competent to understand the fundamental truths of Christianity.

The amount of expenditure for the Asylum, during the past year, has been increased beyond the grant of the Legislature, in consequence of the increased number of patients under treatment—being 10 above that of last year,—and an addition, sanctioned by the Government, of 2 persons to the number of attendants. But the increase of expenditure is considerably less than the amount of wages and board of the additional attendants, and the board and clothing of the additional patients.

For the coming year, the expenses will be increased somewhat by the increased prices of provisions at this time, when our contracts are made for the twelvemonths. I am of opinion, therefore, that a sum of £1,200 stg. will be required for the year 1853.

HENRY H. STABB,

Physician Superintendent.

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NUMBER OF PATIENTS, 1852.

	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
January	0	0	0	47 from 1851
February	2	0	1	48
March	4	0	0	52
April	1	4	2	47
May	5	2	0	50
June	2	1	0	51
July	2	1	0	52
August	0	1	1	50
September	2	4	0	48
October	1	3	0	46
November	3	0	0	49
December	1	2	0	48
	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	

CAUSES OF DEATH.

A. P.—Typhus Fever.

M.C.—Old age, with chronic insanity.

B.D.—Typhus Fever.

T. H.—Disease of brain, with chronic insanity.

THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1852.	DR.			
To amount paid on goods ordered in London in 1851				£12 17 10
Annual Expenditure				1291 19 2
				<u>£1278 17 0</u>
1852.	CR.			
By balance of cash from 1851				£12 17 10
Amount of Warrants				1163 16 11
Discounts				8 1 6
Balance due the Asylum				117 0 9
				<u>£1291 17 0</u>

Errors Excepted.

HENRY H. STABB.

Medical Superintendent.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, }
 December 31st, 1852. }

Lunatic Asylum.

EXPENSES INCURRED AT THE PROVISIONAL LUNATIC ASYLUM FROM
JANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st, 1852.

	<i>June 6 months.</i>	<i>Dec. 6 months.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Dietry	£300 15 2	£336 4 2	£636 19 4
Rent	22 10 0	22 10 0	45 0 0
Wages	94 0 0	94 0 0	188 0 0
Wood Fuel	16 1 6	11 18 0	27 19 6
Clothing	36 1 5	85 6 4	121 7 9
Bedding	22 17 7	26 4 3	48 1 10
Soap	6 16 0	6 12 0	13 8 0
Candles & Oil	4 13 5	3 4 3	7 17 8
Tobacco & Snuff	3 16 0	4 3 9	7 19 9
Coals	28 2 6	28 2 6	56 5 0
Carpentry	3 15 0	3 15 0	7 10 0
Lumber	6 15 0	0 0 0	6 15 0
Cartage	2 9 0	0 17 0	3 6 0
Tin Work	2 9 3	1 4 5	3 13 8
Sundries Account	26 10 2	48 16 0	75 6 2
Mason Work		1 4 6	1 4 6
Medicines		6 0 0	6 0 0
Lime		0 14 0	0 14 0
Burials		2 7 6	2 7 6
Straw		2 15 0	2 15 0
Stationery		2 9 3	2 9 3
Farm Account		11 14 3	11 14 3
Legal Expenses			1 5 0
	£577 12 0	£700 2 2	£1278 19 2

Table of Cases admitted into the Provisional Lunatic Asylum for 1852

Name.	Date of Admission.	If Married.	Trade.	Religion.	Country.	Disease.	Duration.	State on Admission.
A. P.	February 7.	Single		Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania	Recent	In a state of delirium from typhus fever; refuses all food
M. W.	" 27	Single		Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Melancholia	Recent	Subject to convulsive fits; mind extremely depressed
A. M.	March 2.	Married		Roman Catholic	Ireland	Puerperal Mania	Recent	Very violent and excited without intermission by night or day
M. C.	" 19	Married		Church of England	Newfoundland	Melancholia	About 2 Years	Much depressed in mind and very restless
J. D.	" 26	Single	Fisherman	Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Dementia	About 2 Years	Stupid, idle and dirty
L. F.	" 26	Single	Artist	Church of England	England	Lypomania	Chronic	Much excited, and exhausted from exposure and hardships
B. D.	April 8	Married		Roman Catholic	Ireland	Dementia	Recent	In a dying state, apparently from fever
S. W.	May 3	Married	Fisherman	Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania	12 Months	In a mild form of insanity, although very troublesome at home
R. C.	" 3	Single	Merchant's Clerk	Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania	Recent	In a mild form of insanity, with symptoms of dementia
S. P.	" 15	Single	Fisherman	Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania	Recent	Highly excited, and somewhat violent
M. K.	" 27	Married		Roman Catholic	Ireland	Mania	About 1 Year	Very restless, and depressed in mind
M. B.	" 30	Single		Church of England	Newfoundland	Suicidal Mania	About 15 Months	A determined suicide, giving very great trouble and anxiety
A. M.	June 20	Single		Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania and Convulsive Fits	Recent	Subject to frequent fits, followed by insanity; very weak in body and mind
G. H.	" 28	Single	Fisherman	Church of England	Newfoundland	Dementia	Several years	Nearly imbecile; giving no trouble
L. T.	July 6	Single	Artist	Church of England	England	Lypomania	Many years	Very much excited; in a deplorable condition
M. W.	" 26	Married		Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Lypomania	1 Year	Subject to paroxysms of violence; at other times quiet and rational
M. M'G	September 7	Single		Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania with Convulsive Fits	Recent	Violent and highly excited; emaciated
J. G.	" 17	Married	Fisherman	Roman Catholic	Ireland	Mania	Recent	Highly excited by night and day; much bodily disease from drinking
H. H.	October 27	Single	Seaman	Lutheran	Sweden	Mania	Recent	Restless and terrified to a degree, emaciated, sleepless.
A. M.	November 1	Single		Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania and Epilepsy	6 months	Re-admitted; the want of good diet and medical treatment causing a relapse.
R. G.	" 6	Single	Fisherman	Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Mania	Recent	Very noisy, dirty, and troublesome
J. B.	" 9	Single	Fisherman	Roman Catholic	Newfoundland	Delirium Tremens	Recent	Very violent and restless
J. B.	December 2	Married	Fisherman	Wesleyan	Newfoundland	Mania	Recent	Much depressed in mind; occasly. excited

Provisional Lunatic Asylum for 1852.

Duration.	State on Admission.	Subsequent state.	Remarks.
Recent	In a state of delirium from typhus fever ; refuses all food	Fed artifici'ly, but rapidly sunk from exhaustion.	} Died in 7 days, and from her case being one of fever, ought to have been sent to an hospital, rather than the Asylum.
Recent	Subject to convulsive fits ; mind extremely depressed	Recovered and dismissed 31st December	
Recent	Very violent and excited without intermission by night or day	Improved gradually ; under treatment.	Dismissed convalescent, Sept. 17.
About 2 Years ...	Much depressed in mind and very restless	No change	Removed by friends, April 14th.
About 2 Years ...	Stupid, idle and dirty	Very little improved.....	Cure improbable ; at least for a long time.
Chronic	Much excited, and exhausted from exposure and hardships	Much improved	Cure improbable ; insanity of long standing.
Recent	In a dying state, apparently from fever...	Died in 4 days.....	Removed, very improperly, from the Hospital to the Asylum
12 Months	In a mild form of insanity, although very troublesome at home	Rapidly improved	Dismissed convalescent, September 1st.
Recent	In a mild form of insanity, with symptoms of dementia	Gradually improved	Dismissed convalescent, October
Recent	Highly excited, and somewhat violent....	Gradually improved ...	Dismissed convalescent, September 29th.
About 1 Year.....	Very restless, and depressed in mind. ...	Somewhat improved. ...	Dismissed improved, August 23rd.
About 15 Months	A determined suicide, giving very great trouble and anxiety	Unchanged	A most deplorable form of insanity of very uncertain termination.
Recent	Subject to frequent fits, followed by insanity ; very weak in body and mind	Steadily improved	Dismissed convalescent, July 6th.
Several years	Nearly imbecile ; giving no trouble	Very little improvement	Cure very uncertain.
Many years	Very much excited ; in a deplorable condition	Much improved	Cure improbable.
1 Year	Subject to paroxysms of violence ; at other times quiet and rational	No change	Cure uncertain.
Recent	Violent and highly excited ; emaciated...	Very much improved ...	Dismissed convalescent, October 7.
Recent	Highly excited by night and day ; much bodily disease from drinking	Very much improved....	Dismissed convalescent, October 12th.
Recent	Restless and terrified to a degree, emaciated, sleepless.	Gradually improved ...	Convalescent.
6 months	Re-admitted ; the want of good diet and medical treatment causing a relapse.	Rapidly improved	Nearly convalescent.
Recent	Very noisy, dirty, and troublesome.....	Gradually improved	Nearly convalescent.
Recent	Very violent and restless	Rapidly improved	Dismissed convalescent, December 6.
Recent	Much depressed in mind ; occasly. excited	Improving	Likely to recover within a year.

Poor Returns.

SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENSES FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR FROM 1ST
JANUARY TO 1ST JULY, 1852.

Amount paid permanent Poor	£740	0	0
Merchants accounts for Meal, &c.	851	8	11½
Butchers', ditto	48	19	10
Bakers', ditto	16	10	10
Hospital ditto	148	0	6
Sick and casual lodgings	93	13	5
Cash paid casual Poor	109	0	8
Funeral expenses 56 Poor	35	10	0
Cash paid Outport Poor	322	8	0
Fuel, repairs, &c., extras sick in sheds	47	14	7
Wine, sick Poor	13	10	0
Joseph Shea, ½ year	144	4	6
Timothy Mitchell, do.	37	10	0
Jeremiah Crowley	16	0	0
John Freeman	20	3	10
Rent of office	7	10	10
	Currency	£2653	1 8

JOSEPH SHEA.

March 28th, 1853.

Remainder of clothing, Sheds...£ 7 13 11¼
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J. S.

SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENSES FOR RELIEF OF THE POOR FROM THE 1ST
JULY TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1852.

Return No. 1—Amount of cash paid	Permanent Poor	£764	8	1
2. Ditto	ditto Poor at lodgings ditto	62	8	2
3. Ditto	ditto Casual Poor St. John's ditto	71	3	10
4. Ditto	ditto Provisions for Outport Poor ditto	479	18	7
5. Ditto	ditto Outport Poor	367	14	8
6. Ditto	ditto Loom expenses	27	18	4
7. Ditto	ditto Passages	15	10	0
8. Ditto	ditto Cartage, Freights, &c.	3	8	5
9. Ditto	ditto for clothing	16	12	5
10. Ditto	ditto for Funeral expenses	20	14	0
		£1,829	16	6

Poor Returns.

			Brought forward	£1,829	16	6
Retrn. No. 11.	Ditto	ditto	Shed expenses	125	13	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
12.	Ditto	ditto	Hospital account	162	18	6
			Indian Meal, St. John's Poor, per weekly accounts	51	8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Molasses	Ditto	ditto	21	18	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Tea	Ditto	ditto	33	16	11
	Oatmeal	Ditto	ditto	42	4	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Sugar	Ditto	ditto	10	10	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Rice & Barley	Ditto	ditto	1	7	4
	Butchers & Bakers' accounts		.....	58	11	10
	Printing & Stationery		.....	6	11	4
	Robert R. W. Lilly		.....	40	7	8
	Timothy Mitchell		.....	43	4	5
	John Freeman		.....	20	0	0
	Jeremiah Crowley		.....	18	9	2
	George Garrett		.....	15	0	0
	Rent of Room and Store		.....	7	10	0
	Rent of James Fogarty's house for poor widows		.....	6	0	0
				£2,497	8	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
				2653	18	
				5156	9	18 $\frac{3}{4}$

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURE

on account Relief of Poor for the months of January, February, March and April, and first week in May, 1853.

Months.		Amount.	Total am't. each month.
January	Sheds.....	£ 82 12 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	Casual	255 7 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	Cash list	130 14 8	
	Hospital	48 18 0	
	Salaries, rent.....	21 12 1	539 4 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
February.....	Sheds.....	40 10 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	
	Casual	606 19 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	Cash List.....	124 0 3	
	Hospital	44 12 6	
	Salaries, rent.....	21 12 1	837 5 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Carried forward.....	£1376	10 0 $\frac{3}{4}$

Poor Returns.

ABSTRACT, [Continued.]

Return.		Amount.	Total am't. each month.
			Brought forward.....£1376 10 0 ³ / ₄
March.....	Sheds.....	£ 36 3 0 ¹ / ₂	
	Casual	721 5 3 ¹ / ₄	
	Cash List	133 16 5 ¹ / ₂	
	Hospital	38 15 7	
	Salaries, rent.....	40 16 9	970 17 0 ¹ / ₄
April	Sheds.....	25 6 11	
	Casual	836 1 10 ¹ / ₂	
	Cash List	139 4 1 ¹ / ₂	
	Hospital	52 11 0	
	Salaries, rent.....	40 16 9	1104 16 9 ¹ / ₂
			£3452 3 10 ¹ / ₂
Week ending 8th May inst.....			161 11 0
			£3613 14 10 ¹ / ₂

TOTAL.....£3613 14 10¹/₂ currency.
 3131 18 2 sterling.

Grant£4000 0 0
 Expended 3131 18 2
 £868 1 10

ROBERT R. W. LILLY,
 Secretary Commissioners of the Poor.

Roads and Bridges.

LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR GENERAL TRANSMITTING ROAD
RETURNS FOR 1852.SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
2nd March, 1853. }

SIR,—I have the honor to forward herewith Returns of the expenditure of the several Boards of Road Commissioners, up to the 10th January.

From many of the Boards no report has been received by me, of their proceedings during the past year, and the accounts therefore which refer to such Boards are made up from the information contained in my own books.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. NOAD,
Supervisor.

The Honorable, the Colonial Secretary.

RETURN PREPARED BY THE SUPERVISOR GENERAL OF THE EXPENDI-
TURE UNDER THE ROAD ACT, BY THE ST. JOHN'S BOARD OF ROAD COMMIS-
SIONERS, BETWEEN THE 17TH JANUARY, 1852, AND THE 10TH JANUARY 1853.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum grant- ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contract- ors in stg.			Totals.
			£	s.	d.	
Griffin and Walsh	Salmonier to Placentia	£1030	2	3	4	
James Griffin	Ditto		2	9	5	
John Barron	Ditto		2	9	5	
Thomas Byrne.....	Ditto		1	1	4	
Matthew Lonergan.....	Ditto		1	6	0	
Michael Foley	Ditto		1	6	0	
James and John Doyle..	Ditto		4	6	8	
James Wall	Ditto		3	9	4	
Daniel Dallard	Ditto		2	5	0	
Thomas Delany	Ditto		0	17	4	
Bartholomew Brine.....	Ditto		0	8	8	
Henry Fewer	Ditto		1	14	8	
Patrick Mooney	Ditto		0	17	4	
			£24	14	6	

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN (Continued.)

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum granted in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward	£	24 14 6	
John Byrne	Salmonier to Placentia	£1030	1 14 8	
Thomas Mooney	Do.		0 17 4	
Richard Fitzpatrick	Do.		2 15 5	
Robert Walsh	Do.		4 13 7	
Thomas Fitzpatrick	Do.		4 11 0	
James Mooney	Do.		1 5 7	
Patrick Mahony	Do.		2 4 10	
William Davis	Do.		11 13 0	
Thomas Shea	Do.		9 7 11	
Thomas Hunt	Do.		5 3 5	
James Kettle	Do.		0 17 4	
William Collins	Do.		0 17 4	
William Kelly	Do.		4 15 4	
Power & Fewer	Do.		5 6 2	
Denis Dealy	Do.		1 11 9	
Power & Fewer	Do.		2 3 4	
Hawkey & Morrissey	Do.		2 0 3	
Morrissey & Paterson	Do.		3 19 8	
William Davis	Do.		3 14 6	
Richard Power	Do.		2 6 9	
Fewer & Power	Do.		2 3 4	
John Cummins	Do.		3 11 6	
William Power	Do.		1 11 9	
Murphy & Hurley	Do.		1 14 8	
John Walsh	Do.		4 7 8	
William Power	Do.		7 16 0	
Richard Shea & Co.	Do.		6 16 4	
Mathew Grace	Do.		10 7 4	
George Hogsett	Do.		2 3 4	
John Doyle	Do.		1 14 8	
Robin Fitzpatrick	Do.		2 3 4	
J. Hawkey & D. Morrissey..	Do.		2 8 6	
P. Whelan & T. Wall	Do.		1 1 8	
James Kelly	Do.		2 9 1	
Thomas Kelly	Do.		2 6 6	
Michael Wall	Do.			149 9 4
	St. John's Streets and Drains.	£1000		
Edward Fling	Do.		£0 6 6	
John Dwyer	Do.		2 3 4	
John Dwyer	Do.		4 6 8	
Michael Murphy	Do.		4 6 8	
	Carried forward	£	11 3 2	149 9 4

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum grant- ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward.....	£1000	11 3 2	149 9 4
Thomas Clooney	St. John's streets and drains.		17 6 8	
Michael Murphy	Do.		8 17 8	
John Byrne	Do.		2 12 0	
Thomas Clooney	Do.		6 18 8	
Michael Murphy	Do.		14 14 8	
Thomas Clooney	Do.		1 7 5	
James Rocke	Do.		0 15 7	
Patrick Clooney	Do.		8 13 4	
Joseph Noad	Do.		4 6 8	
				76 15 10
	Ship Harbor or Long Harbor road.	£900		
Thomas Byrne	Do.		4 1 1	
Thomas Byrne	Do.		4 6 8	
William Squarey	Do.		2 12 0	
F. R. Page	Do.		4 2 6	
William Antle	Do.		0 9 9	
John Dunn	Do.		3 0 8	
John Byrne	Do.		0 6 6	
C. Cozens for 39 contracts	Do.		71 19 9	
Thomas Cole	Do.		1 10 0	
John Dunn	Do.		12 1 2	
Chas. Cozens for 46 contracts	Do.		66 3 7	
Ditto for 47 ditto	Do.		48 9 3	
Ditto for 44 ditto	Do.		52 15 7	
Ditto for 51 ditto	Do.		59 9 4	
Ditto for 71 ditto	Do.		82 10 0	
Ditto for 124 ditto	Do.		159 2 5	
Ditto for 114 ditto	Do.		129 12 5	
Ditto for 70 ditto	Do.		63 10 9	
Thomas Stevens	Do.		1 6 0	
	On Branch Road leading from Petty Harbor to Goulds and Bay Bulls road, commencing at the bridge near R. Corr's house, Petty Harbor.	£270		767 9 5
John Walsh	Do.		3 9 4	
Thomas Hopkins	Do.		0 4 4	
Thomas Williams	Do.		0 17 4	
John Fitzgerald	Do.		17 6 8	
John Fitzgerald	Do.		17 6 8	
Whelan and Murphy	Do.		8 13 4	
	Carried forward		47 17 8	993 14 7

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where situate.	Sum grant- ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward.....	£270	47 17 8	993 14 7
	On Branch Road leading from Petty Harbor to Goulds and Bay Bulls Road, commencing at the bridge near R. Corr's house, Petty Harbor.			
John Fitzgerald	Do.		26 0 0	
Ditto	Do.		8 13 4	
Ditto	Do.		4 6 8	
S. Whelan and P. Murphy ...	Do.		2 12 0	
John Fitzgerald	Do.		21 13 4	
Whelan and Murphy	Do.		4 6 8	
Jacob Angel	Do.		0 15 2	
John Walsh	Do.		5 4 0	
Elizabeth Lanigan	Do.		8 13 4	
				130 2 2
	Portugal Cove Road towards New found Pond and to Ma- jors Path	£18		
James Whelan	Do.		4 6 8	
James Whelan	Do.		6 18 8	
James Whelan	Do.		4 6 8	
				15 12 0
	Salmonier to St. Mary's.	£360		
John Ryan	Do.		0 17 4	
Rourke and Fahey	Do.		1 6 0	
				2 3 4
	Branch road Petty Harbor through Maddox Cove.	£54		
Michael Heffern	Ditto		4 6 8	
James Haley	Ditto		2 0 5	
Michael Heffern	Ditto		3 9 4	
Patrick Murphy	Ditto		5 4 0	
James Haley	Ditto		0 8 8	
Patrick Murphy	Ditto		2 12 0	
				18 1 1
	Branch Road through Pearl Town towards Placentia Road and West of Sweeney's Marsh.	£18		
Stephen Ruddick	ditto		1 6 0	
ditto	ditto		1 19 4	
				3 5 4
	Brought forward.....			1162 18 6

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum grant ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in sterling.	Total.
	Brought forward.....		£	1,162 18 6
Walter Shelley	Holyrood to Salmonier.	£720	14 7 10	
Patrick Hurley	Ditto		3 2 10	
Patrick Nauko	ditto		5 4 0	
Joseph Kelly	ditto		4 6 8	
Robert Walsh	ditto		3 9 4	
Ditto	ditto		8 13 4	
John Mackey	ditto		0 17 4	
Michael Walsh	ditto		2 15 5	
Patrick Healy	ditto		1 6 0	
James Saffin	ditto		2 12 0	
Marks McDonald	ditto		3 9 4	
Patrick Whelan	ditto		3 9 4	
John Cummins	ditto		2 3 4	
Michael Hickey	ditto		4 11 0	
Patrick Beeson	ditto		3 0 8	
Ditto	ditto		8 13 11	
John Fury	ditto		3 9 4	
Edward Corbett	ditto		3 5 0	
Patrick Hickey	ditto		4 15 1	
Walter Shelly	ditto		9 19 4	
John Penny	ditto		3 9 4	
John Morris	ditto		4 15 4	
Humphrey Crawley	ditto		2 3 4	
Richard Fewer	ditto		3 18 0	
Patrick Walsh	ditto		1 1 8	
Michael Walsh	ditto		5 7 5	
Michael Beeson	ditto		15 12 0	
Patrick Hawko	ditto		1 6 0	
Michael Mahony	ditto		2 12 0	
Walter Shelly	ditto		9 10 8	
William Davis	ditto		1 6 0	
Thomas Murphy	ditto		6 18 8	
Edward Beeson	ditto		10 8 0	
Patrick Healey	ditto		6 18 8	
David Whelan	ditto		9 15 0	
Patrick Healy	ditto		1 6 0	
Robert Walsh	ditto		13 0 0	
John Mackay	ditto		11 5 4	
Shaw & Lamb	ditto		1 14 8	
John Lewis	ditto		9 19 4	
Robert Walsh	ditto		11 15 9	
John Fury	ditto		3 5 0	
	Carried forward.....	£	230 9 3	1,162 18 6

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum grant- ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward...	£720	230 9 3	£1,162 18 6
	Holyrood to Salmonier.			
John Cummins	Ditto		1 13 4	
Fdward Corbett	ditto		0 17 4	
John Morris	ditto		2 2 8	
John Dunn	ditto		13 17 4	
John Penny	ditto		0 8 8	
Shea & Hunt	ditto		4 15 4	
James Kettle & Co.	ditto		3 9 0	
Patrick Hanko	ditto		3 2 3	
Richard Fewer	ditto		0 9 9	
Patrick Henly	ditto		5 4 0	
James Deady	ditto		2 3 4	
James Deady	ditto		1 19 0	
M. McDonald	ditto		1 14 8	
				272 15 11
Mathew Healy	Black Head to Saint John's	£45	2 12 0	
Richard Barnes	Ditto		3 18 0	
James Toole	ditto		13 17 4	
James Job	ditto		13 15 11	
				34 3 3
	From the Old Bay Bulls road through T. Quin's farm and by P. Walsh's to the New Bay Bulls road, including compensation for land.	£22 10 0		
Thomas Quinn	Ditto		5 0 0	
Patrick Walsh	ditto		6 18 8	
Do.	ditto		4 6 8	
Do.	ditto		3 17 11	
				20 3 3
Michael Fennessey	Middle Cove road near John Kelly's towards Pine River.	£18	2 12 0	
Do.	Ditto		8 13 4	
				11 5 4
	Portugal Cove road to Topsail	£90		
James Phelan	Ditto		3 18 0	
John Christopher	ditto		2 12 0	
Do.	ditto		1 6 0	
James Whelan	ditto		1 9 5	
John Christopher	ditto		2 5 0	
Do.	ditto		0 17 4	
Whelan & Viscount ...	ditto		1 14 8	
Martin Fitzgerald	ditto		3 18 0	
John Christopher	ditto		2 12 0	
Do.	ditto		2 14 2	
				23 6 7
	Carried forward			£1,524 12 10

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum grant- ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward.....			£1524 12 10
Nicholas Rourke	Portugal Cove road, near Co- dy's well, towards Broad Cove	£27 0 0	£3 11 0	
James Tucker	Do.		3 17 3	
Nicholas Rourke	Do.		3 12 7	—11 0 10
John Savage	Branch road, Logy Bay road to P. Ryan's fishing room	18 0 0	7 16 7	
Ditto	Do.		0 17 4	— 8 13 11
John Murphy	Branch road to Murphy's gate to N.W. point of pond, south- side of Torbay.	27 0 0	5 4 0	
Thomas Roche	Do.		1 11 2	
Wm. Walsh	Do.		2 4 10	
Edward Cantwell	Do.		2 17 10	
Patrick Larkin	Do.		1 19 0	
James Walsh	Do.		1 10 6	
John Murphy	Do.		6 1 4	
Ditto	Do.		4 6 8	—25 15 4
James McGrath	Branch road from Middle Cove river towards James McGrath, P. Roach & others.	18 0 0	2 12 0	
Ditto	Do.		5 17 0	— 8 9 0
Wm. Vicars	Branch road from Flat Rock to Dee's fishing room.	18 0 0	1 14 8	
Ditto	Do.		5 4 0	
Michael Dee & Co.	Do.		2 12 0	— 9 10 8
P. Kinsella	Branch road, Torbay, to Mid- dle Cove by Fresh Water	27 0 0	1 19 0	
Ditto	Do.		2 10 6	
Wm. Vicars	Do.		4 15 4	
James Whelan	Do.		2 12 0	
William Coady	Do.		1 6 0	—13 2 10
John Bedford	Petty Harbor road leading to St. John's	90 0 0	3 17 1	
Gregory Griffin	Do.		0 8 8	— 4 5 9
T. Mahony & Donovan	Governor's road	180 0 0	3 9 4	
John Murphy	Do.		6 18 8	
James Walsh	Do.		5 4 0	
Thomas Roche	Do.		0 17 4	
James Walsh	Do.		7 7 4	
John Kelly	Do.		7 16 0	
Michael Ready	Do.		7 16 0	
Thomas Costello	Do.		3 9 4	
Ditto	Do.		7 16 0	—50 14 0
	Carried forward.....			£1656 5 2

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN (Continued.)

Name of Contractor.	Where situate.	Sum grant- ed in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward			£1,656 15 2
	St. John's to Golds, commenc- ing at Waterford Bridge	£67 10 0		
James Toole	Ditto		3 9 9	
Philip Murphy	ditto		2 12 0	
Do.	ditto		3 9 4	
				19 9 11
	Ledge Road, Flat Rock to Sinnott Broyle.	9 0 0	1 6 0	
			1 12 8	
James Boyle	Ditto			2 18 8
Ditto	Ditto			
	Wigmore Gully Road.	13 10 0		
Daniel Fling	Ditto		2 3 4	
Ditto	ditto		3 0 8	
Ditto	ditto		2 12 0	
Ditto	ditto		4 14 8	
				12 10 8
	Branch Road near Bay Bulls Road to Petty Harbor Road by Gregory Griffin's	36 0 0		
John Murphy	Ditto		4 6 9	
John Walter	ditto		5 4 0	
John Murphy	ditto		1 4 3	
Griffin & Walter	ditto		5 9 2	
Moses Clear	ditto		0 5 2	
G. Griffin & J. Walter	ditto		5 9 2	
	Road from Monday's Pond by Branscomb's Hill to Top- sail.	36 0 0		21 18 6
John Nash	Ditto		6 1 4	
Ditto	ditto		6 1 4	
Ditto	ditto		17 6 8	
Ditto	ditto		5 10 11	
				35 0 3
	Torbay Main Road to Michl. Bulger and others.	18 0 0		
Thomas Ready	Ditto		2 12 0	
Michael Ready	ditto		11 5 4	
Ditto	ditto		4 0 0	
				17 17 4
John Wheeler	Queen's Bridge to Torbay	45 0 0	2 19 9	2 19 9
	Bay Bulls Road, St. John's, to Goulds, commencing at Wa- terford Bridge.	67 10 0		
Lawrence Byrne	Ditto		9 18 10	
	Carried forward...		£9 18 10	£1,769 0 3

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum granted in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in sterling.	Total.
	Brought forward		£9 18 10	£1769 0 3
	Bay Bulls road, St. John's to Goulds, commencing at Waterford Bridge.			
John Fitzgerald	ditto		8 7 3	
Martin Ryan	ditto		1 4 3	
John Byrne	ditto		0 18 2	
William Whelan	ditto		0 18 2	
Clift, Wood & Co.	ditto		3 16 4	25 3 0
	On the branch road & wharf connecting the beach with the main road on east side of Belle Isle.	£27		
Cullen and Whelan	ditto		6 18 8	
Ditto	ditto		15 12 0	
Ditto	ditto		4 9 3	26 19 11
	For repairing main roads and bridges from St. John's to Portugal Cove.	£126		
Nicholas Rourke	ditto		2 12 0	
James Whelan	ditto		2 3 6	
Nicholas Rourke	ditto		2 9 3	
Ditto	ditto		2 12 0	9 16 9
	On the branch road leading from Logy Bay, southward of Forest pond bridge to Torbay road.	£13 10		
George Cooke	ditto		3 0 8	
Ditto	ditto		8 13 4	11 14 0
	On the road leading from Thomas's farm to the farm of John Whiteaway, old Placentia road.	£27		
Patrick Kanearny	ditto		2 3 4	
Ditto	ditto		2 7 8	4 11 0
	Carried forward.....			£1847 4 11

Roads and Bridges.

RETURN, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum granted in 1851.	Sum paid Contractor in stg.	Totals.
	Brought forward...			£1847 4 11
James Butler	Winter Path by Island Pond	£13 10	£1 1 8	
Timothy Clance	ditto		5 12 8	
John Roche	ditto		5 4 0	
				11 18 4
	On the road leading from the Torbay Main Road towards the fishing rooms of Robert Martin, Michael Whitty and others, North side of Torbay	£18		
J. Moore & P. Kinsella	ditto		5 12 8	
John Moore	ditto		5 4 0	
Ditto	ditto		1 10 7	
				12 7 3
	On the Branch Road leading to Martin McGuire's & other farms from the Branch Road adjoining Torbay Main Road	£13 10		
Martin McGuire	ditto		4 6 8	
Ditto	ditto		9 3 4	
				13 10 0
	For repairing Main Roads & Bridges from St. John's to Topsail.	£72		
James Byrne	ditto		1 10 0	
				1 10 0
	On the Road from Branch to Distress.	£100		
Matthew Landergan ...	ditto		3 2 4	
W. H. Mare	ditto		42 18 0	
Thomas English	ditto		0 17 4	
Patrick Nash	ditto		1 1 8	
Thomas Nash	ditto		0 10 7	
Michael McGrath	ditto		5 1 2	
James Duffy	ditto		1 14 8	
D. Bedford	ditto		1 14 8	
Richard English	ditto		0 10 7	
				57 11 0
	On the Branch Road leading from Waterford Bridge to Dunscomb's Bridge.	£31 10		
Dennis Walsh	ditto		30 14 5	
Patrick Keneary	ditto		0 15 6	
				31 9 11
	From Bridge at Outer Cove to the farm of Richard Fox			
Richard Fox	Ditto		7 16 0	
				7 16 0
	Carried forward.....			£1,983 7 5

Roads and Bridges.

HARBOR GRACE ROAD BOARD.

GRANTS IN THE SESSION OF 1851.

From Spaniard's Bay Pond Bridge to Ship Head, Harbor Grace.....	£180	0	0
Carbonear Road—from Water-street, Harbor Grace	27	0	0
Towards the opening, repairing, &c., of Roads leading to and from Harbor Grace.....	422	0	0
Road, Harbor Grace to New Harbor.....	90	0	0
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	£719	0	0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs. ANDREW DRYSDALE, Chairman.
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 RICHARD ANDERSON, Inspector.

The Main Road from Harbor Grace to Spaniards Bay Long Bridge, is now, for a distance of four miles from the former place, in tolerable repair, but will require an additional coat of gravel to complete it. The remaining part of the road, from 3 to 3½ miles, require levelling in several places, and gravelling throughout; to effect which will fully take the sum estimated for.

The Carbonear road, from Water-street, Harbor Grace, requires repairs in several places, and gravelling the whole distance.

Road, Harbor Grace to New Harbor.—The first five miles of this road is opened and formed; the width, however, varying from 18 to 8 feet, as stated in the former report. The remaining part of the road (between 9 and 10 miles) is only opened, but in no part made—its width is 8 feet—at present it is impassable for either man or horse, and it will require the full sum estimated to complete the necessary work, which this extent of road requires.

The principal by-road, leading to and from Harbor Grace has all been partially repaired the past year—other by-roads have been so far repaired as to render them passable.

An estimate of the sums required to complete the several roads in the Harbor Grace district is appended hereto. This estimate differs in some particulars from that of last year, but the aggregate amount is nearly the same.

A balance of £4 11s. yet remains to be drawn for, a contract to that amount not being yet completed.

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

26th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums paid Contractors in sterling.	Totals.
Thomas Griffin	Lady Pond Road	£1 1 8	
Shea and McLean	Ditto	7 4 5	
Thomas Griffin	Ditto	8 13 4	
William Connelly	Ditto	4 0 10	£21 0 3
Matthew Ryan	Musquitto Valley Road.	3 5 6	
John Malone	Ditto	2 3 4	
William Hare	Ditto	2 3 4	..... 7 12 2
Caleb Peddle	New Harbor Road.	3 0 8	
Robert Mercer	Ditto	2 17 9	
William Jones	Ditto	2 17 9	
Robert Pike	Ditto	2 17 9	
T. Lynch and 4 others	Ditto	8 13 4	
J. Menchins & 4 partners ...	Ditto	8 13 4	
Wm. Smith and 9 others.....	Ditto	8 13 4	
Moses Butt and 5 others.....	Ditto	8 13 4	
Wm. Gealy and 6 others.....	Ditto	11 11 4	
Moses Butt	Ditto	2 17 9	..... 60 16 4
John Bolan	Native Road	1 14 8	..... 1 14 8
M. Walsh and G. Walsh.....	Cork Road	7 10 3	..... 7 10 3
John Collins	Spaniard's Bay Long Bridge to Ship Head, Harbor Grace	2 3 4	
Ryan and Bulbert	Ditto	6 9 7	
William Gosse	Ditto	1 19 0	
John Collins	Ditto	3 4 5	..... 13 16 4
Joseph Selman	Island Cove to Bryant's Cove	4 6 8	
Timothy Hearne	Ditto	8 13 4	
Richard Coombs	Ditto	6 1 4	
Solomon Jones	Ditto	4 15 4	
William Burn	Ditto	3 18 0	..... 27 14 8
F. Parsons and C. Sweetland	DesBarres Road	3 9 4	..... 3 9 4
William Hassey	Harbor Grace to Island Cove	2 5 6	
T. Mercer and 2 partners ...	Ditto	5 4 0	
Nathaniel Coombs	Ditto	1 11 2	..... 9 0 8
William Wells	Pike's Road		..... 1 14 8
J. Lannan and Connors	Road to Carbonear from Water street, Harbor Grace	16 7 3	..... 16 7 3
J. Lannan and Connors	Military Road	1 1 2	
Peter Keefe	Ditto	6 1 4	
M. Hearne and P. Sheehan...	Ditto	8 13 4	
M. Hearn and Pheen	Ditto	0 17 4	..... 16 13 2
Nicholas Dobbin	Island Cove through Bishop's Cove		
	Spaniard's Bay	1 19 0	
Nicholas Dobbin	Ditto	1 14 8	
	Carried forward.....	£3 13 8	£187 9 9

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE. (Continued.)

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums paid Contractors in sterling	Totals.
	Brought forward.....	£3 13 8	£187 9 9
	Island Cove through Bishop's Cove Spaniard's Bay		
William Whelan	Ditto	2 16 4	
John Godsell	Ditto	1 14 8	
Matthew Ryan	Ditto	2 17 7	
Abraham Smith	Ditto	1 19 0	
William Burne	Ditto	5 4 0	..... 18 5 3
John Brazil	Spaniards Bay to Ship Head.	5 17 10	
John Godsell	Ditto	7 12 1	
John Shannahan	Ditto	6 1 4	
Richard Collahan	Ditto	4 5 10	..... 23 17 1
Roger Hanrahan	Barrets Road	6 2 9	..... 6 2 9
Charles Parchier	South Side of Harbor Grace	7 11 8	
Walter Ryan	Ditto	13 8 8	..... 21 0 4
Elias Noseworthy	Bryants Cove to South-side Har- bor Grace.	3 15 5	
Joseph Parsons	Ditto	4 7 4	..... 8 2 9
Edward Kelly	Cooper Corner Road	10 16 8	..... 10 16 8
William Mulcahy	Driscoll's Road	4 6 8	..... 4 6 8
Mogg Beehan	Fisherman's Road	3 0 8	
C. Paschier & W. McCarthy	Ditto	3 2 6	..... 6 3 2
Timothy Toole	Hard Path Road	4 6 8	..... 4 6 8
Michael McCormack	Forler's Road	4 6 8	..... 4 6 8
	Amount of error arising from the turning the various sums from currency to sterling .....		..... 5
	Whole amount expended in 1852		<u>£294 18 2</u>

J. NOAD,

Supervisor.

24th Feb., 1853.

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

March 1st, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

RECAPITULATION OF THE WHOLE EXPENDITURE IN THE HARBOR GRACE ROAD DISTRICT FOR THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

Grants in 1851.	Expended in 1851.			Expended in 1852.			Balances un-drawn.			Estimated sums to complete roads.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Spaniard's Bay Long Bridge to Ship Head Harbor Grace, £180	142	6	6	37	13	5				173	6	8
Carbouear Road from Water Street, £27 Opening, &c., roads to and from Harbor Grace, £422	10	12	9	16	7	3				69	6	8
Harbour Grace to New Harbor, £90	237	8	0	180	1	2	4	11	0	1002	14	8
	29	2	7	60	16	4				173	6	8
Estimated sum in sterling to complete roads										£1,418 14 8		

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

26th February, 1853.

Spaniard's Bay Long Bridge to Ship Head Harbor Grace, £180	142	6	6	37	13	5				173	6	8
Carbouear Road from Water Street, £27 Opening, &c., roads to and from Harbor Grace, £422	10	12	9	16	7	3				69	6	8
Harbour Grace to New Harbor, £90	237	8	0	180	1	2	4	11	0	1002	14	8
	29	2	7	60	16	4				173	6	8
Estimated sum in sterling to complete roads										£1,418 14 8		
Carried forward										£3 15 9		

Roads and Bridges.

CARBONEAR ROAD DISTRICT.

AMOUNTS GRANTED IN THE SESSION OF 1851.

From Barrett's, north-east of David Connors, to Crockers Cove bridge.....	£148	0	0
Roads and bridges in and about Carbonear	408	0	6
Carbonear to New Perlican	360	0	0
	<u>£916</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- JOHN McCARTHY, Esq., Chairman.
- WILLIAM W. BEMISTER, Esq.
- JOHN RORKE, Esq.
- Mr. WM. BROWN.
- Mr. RICHARD ANDERSON, Inspector.

The Commissioners having been empowered to employ destitute persons by day's labor, or on small contracts on the public roads, acted on the permission so conveyed to them, and that with great benefit to the poor persons so employed, and at the same time with advantage to the public, as the work performed in this way was not only faithfully done, but at a cheaper rate than labor of a similar kind by contract.

The road from Carbonear to New Perlican is represented as a very important one, and as being constantly used, but that in several places it is taken in an objectionable direction, and that consequently alterations are very desirable, which could be effected to the great convenience of the public, and at the same time secure a more economical expenditure of Legislative grants than can be accomplished on the existing line. This line now passes through Hearts Content, which is deemed unnecessary, and the Commissioners recommend that a new line should be opened, commencing at the north side of the Barrens, and thence running direct to New Perlican. The effect of this would be, a better line of road, and the distance between Carbonear and New Perlican would be decreased between three and four miles.

The Estimate of the sums necessary to complete the various roads in this district exceeds that in the former report by £307 stg., but it has been drawn up with care, and is probably the most correct.

The detailed accounts show that a small sum of £2 16s. stg. has been expended beyond the grant.

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

March 1st., 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid Contractor in sterling.	Totals.
James Stapleton	Battery Hill Road	£1 14 8	
Patrick Dunphy	Ditto	1 14 8	
Charles Marshall	Ditto	1 12 6	
Patrick Doherty	Ditto	1 19 0	
Edward Doyle	Ditto	1 19 0	
William Quinn	Ditto	1 19 0	
Patrick Doherty	Ditto	1 14 8	£12 13 6
Timothy Doyle	2 Drains in Duckworth Street	1 12 6	
Denis Lyons	Drains in the town	1 14 8	
W. Tobin, for 24 contractors	Town and suburbs of Carbonear	23 3 2	
W. Tobin, for 5 contractors...	Ditto	16 1 10	
Jas. Brine, for 3 ditto	Ditto	12 19 2	
Simms, Kennedy & Dunphy	Ditto	10 17 6	
Milton, Kelly & Reardon ...	Ditto	10 14 6	
T. Kennedy, and 2 others ...	Ditto	7 16 10	
N. Dalton, and 10 others.....	Ditto	14 17 10	99 18 0
William Green	Valley Road	1 14 8	
Edward Guiney	Ditto	1 12 6	3 7 2
John Walsh	Gladstone Road	1 16 10	
John Kennedy	Ditto	1 16 10	
John Ball	Ditto	1 14 8	
Richard Supple	Ditto	1 19 0	
Bartholomew Brine	Ditto	1 14 8	
Thomas Murry	Ditto	1 14 8	
Edward Doyle	Ditto	1 19 0	
J. Brine, for 4 contractors...	Gladstone Road, English Road,&c.	9 2 0	21 17 8
James Lee	Bunkers Hill Road	1 19 0	
Thomas Kelly	Ditto	1 19 0	
John Welsh	Ditto	1 14 8	
Nicholas Dalton	Ditto	1 14 8	
Edward Melton	Ditto	1 14 8	
John Ryan	Ditto	1 19 0	
William Murray	Ditto	1 14 8	
Denis Lyons	Ditto	2 12 0	15 7 8
John Griffin	Fling's Road	1 14 8	
James Dinns	Ditto	1 14 8	3 9 4
Henry Ryall	Bennett's Hill	1 19 0	
Isaac Bartlett	Ditto	1 19 0	3 18 0
Patrick Rourke	Jones' Hill	1 19 0	
John Welsh	Ditto	1 19 0	
Daniel Deacon	Ditto	1 19 0	
William Coombs	Ditto	1 19 0	
Deacon, Rourke & Coombs	Ditto	1 19 0	9 15 0
Dalton and Walsh	English Hill Road	7 3 0	7 3 0
	Carried forward		£177 9 4

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, (Continued.)

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums paid Contractors in stg.	Total.
	Brought forward...	.....	£177 9 4
J. and P. Murphy	Coombs Hill Road	.....	3 13 8
Henry King	Crockers' Cove to Spout Cove	.....	12 7 10
Richard Taylor	Compensation for land on S. side	.....	11 14 0
P. Kelling and 11 others	North Shore Road	.....	23 13 2
Philip Meaney	Carbonear Beach	£1 10 4	
Patrick McDonald	Crowley's Road	1 14 8	
William Lee	Crowley's road	1 14 8	
Richd. Heffernan	Donegan's road	1 14 8	
John Cahill	ditto	1 10 4	
Patk. Heffernan	ditto	1 14 8	
John Brown	ditto	1 14 8	
Robert Pine	ditto	1 12 6	
Joseph Wills	Taylor's road	1 14 8	
Patrick Coker	ditto	1 19 0	
Patrick Lee	Crowley's road	1 14 8	
Edward Quincy	Donegan's road	2 12 0	
Robert Pine	ditto	1 3 10	
Justin Wells	Taylor's road	1 19 0	
M. Dalton and Walsh	Main Street	1 19 0	
Malachy Dunphy	Crowley's road	1 14 8	
Keys & Spencer	Main Road	1 3 10	
Peter Keefe	Road between Hr. Grace and Carbonear	1 10 4	
George Forward	Compensation for land, &c., at Cox's hill	6 1 4	..... 36 18 10
William Budden	Heart's Content Road	1 6 0	
Edward Guiney	ditto	4 6 8	
Kelly and Lee	ditto	2 14 2	
Ditto	ditto	2 17 2	
W. Tobin, for 28 contractors	Carbonear to New Perlican	63 9 2	
James Brine, for 2 ditto	Heart's Content Road	5 6 2	
J. Wills and J. Drake	ditto	9 9 10	
Peddle, Rockwood and Senfisher	ditto	15 14 7	
Matthew Northover	ditto	10 15 9	
Robert Antle	ditto	5 3 1	
Samuel Seward	Ditto	4 2 4	
Welsh, Ryall, Bartlett, Drake, and Supple	Ditto	9 9 7	
James Button	Ditto	6 16 11	
Supple and Brian	Ditto	8 7 3	..... 149 18 8
			£415 15 6

Roads and Bridges.

WESTERN SHORE ROAD DISTRICT, 1852. ON THE WESTERN SHORE BETWEEN CAPE RAY, AND BEYOND FORTUNE BAY.

GRANTS IN 1851.

On the Western Shore, &c. £225 0 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- THOMAS READ, Chairman.
- Rev. T. APPLEBY
- Rev. J. CUNNINGHAM.
- WM. MATTHEW.
- PHILIP CLEMENT.

No Report has been received from the Western Shore Road district. The expenditure, as far as it has gone, is shown below.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractors in sterling.
Robert French.....	Road in LaPoile	£30 0 0
James Connelly	Ditto	55 0 0
Uriah Bond	Ditto	5 0 0
Amount expended in 1852.....		90 0 0
Do. granted		225 0 0
Balance undrawn		£135 0 0

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

28th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

TRINITY BAY SOUTH—ROAD DISTRICT, 1851.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Seal Cove to Old Perlican.....	£72 0 0
Old Perlican to Grate's Cove.....	22 10 0
Short's Marsh to Caplin Cove.....	13 10 0
	£108 0 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

STEPHEN MARCH, Esq., Chairman.
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 STEPHEN RENDELL, Esq.
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 " THOMAS COOPER.
 " JOHN COLLINS, Inspector.

The Commissioners, in their report for the past year, give no information beyond that contained in their first report. The ruggedness of the line of road between Seal Cove and Old Perlican is again adverted to, and the estimated amount to complete the several roads in this district is nearly the same as before given.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums paid Contractors in sterling	Totals.
John Becket	Grate's Cove		£3 8 8
Robert Burt	Hant's Harbor	£16 10 0	
Andrew March	Ditto	20 10 7	37 0 7
			£40 9 3

RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Expended in 1851.	Expended in 1852.	Estimate to complete roads.
Seal Cove to Old Perlican.....	£72 0 0	£34 19 5	£37 0 7
Old Perlican to Grate's Cove	22 10 0	19 1 4	3 8 8
Short's Marsh to Caplin Cove.....	13 10 0	13 10 0	200 0 0
	£108 0 0	£67 10 9	£40 9 3
			£960 0 0

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

28th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

ROAD DISTRICT—TRINITY BAY NORTH, 1852.

GRANTS IN SESSION OF 1851.

Trinity to Catalina	Stg.—£450	0	0
Ditto — Bonaventure	18	0	0
Brown road to Trinity.....	36	0	0
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	£504	0	0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- Mr. WM. STONEMAN, Chairman.
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- JAMES JOHNSTON, M.D., Esq.
- A. BREMNER, Esq., Catalina.
- “ ROBERT BAYLEY.
- “ RICHARD ASH, Inspector.

During the past year the balance of the sum granted for the road from Trinity to Catalina, and which remained undrawn for at the end of 1851, has been expended on that line in general repairs. The rate at which the work has been done averages two shillings per perch.

The Commissioners have added no information to their Report of 1851; but it appears from their account, that their former Estimate of the sum necessary to complete the several roads in their district were underrated, and that instead of £500 being sufficient to complete the road from Trinity to Catalina, it appears to be the opinion of the Commissioners that £700 will be required—and that instead of £700 for the road from Trinity to Bonaventure, £800 will be required to make it reasonably passable.

A detailed account of the expenditure in 1852 will be found on the other side.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums paid to Contractors.
Matthew Rielley	Catalina main road.	£11 5 4
T. and W. Ryan	97 perches ditto	9 9 2
R. Ryan	80 do. do.	6 18 8
William Nurse	do. do.	4 15 4
Edward Nurse	do. do.	4 15 4
George Bowring	do. do.	4 15 4
Charles Piercey	do. do.	4 15 4
John Henes	do. do.	2 12 0
John Walters	do. do.	3 9 4
Robert Dove	do. do.	4 15 4
William Ryan	do. do.	3 9 4
James Goldsworthy	do. do.	4 15 4
Thomas Ryan	do. do.	3 9 4
Thomas Meadus	do. do.	4 15 4
Richard Nurse	Compensation for land on ditto.	4 6 8
Henry Neale	66 perches road, Catalina main line.	5 0 1
Boberman	64 perches do.	4 3 2
John Walters	117 perches do.	5 8 1
John Ash	80 do. at 2s. 2d. do.	7 10 3
Joseph Barnes	do. do.	6 18 8
James Wells	do. do.	10 0 0
George Barnes	63 do. do.	4 15 7
John Tobin	do. do.	10 0 0
Richard Barnes	80 perches at 2s. do.	6 18 8
John Ford	do. do.	6 16 6
Richard Ryan	do. do.	4 10 3
Daniel Mason	80 do. at 2s. 5d. do.	8 7 7
James Beston	80 do. at 1s. 11d. ditto.	6 12 11
Thomas Ryan	do. do.	1 18 5
William Ryan	do. do.	1 18 5
John Hine	do. do.	3 9 4
Charles Priest	do. do.	2 3 4
George Bowring	do. do.	2 3 4
Edward Nurse	do. do.	2 13 0
William Nurse	Catalina main line.	2 16 4
Robert Dove	do.	2 3 4
Thomas Meadus	do.	1 6 0
James Goldsworthy	do.	2 8 6
Joseph Beston	80 perches at 2s. 2d. do.	7 10 3
John and J. Ivany	87 perches at 1s. 6d. do.	6 11 11
Joseph Beston	do.	8 1 7
James Kelly	80 perches at 2s. 2d. do.	7 10 3
Francis Iramy	63 $\frac{3}{4}$ do. Catalina main line.	4 16 8
John Rendall	80 do. do. do.	6 1 4
Carried forward.....		£229 0 11

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, (Continued.)

Name of Contractor.	Where employed,	Sum paid to Contract- ors.	Total.		
			£	s	d.
	Brought forward.....	.....	229	0	11
Robert Clarke	Bonaventure line of road	4 15 0			
Robert Clarke	Bonaventure line of road	6 18 8			
John Hurdle	Bonaventure line	2 17 8			
Robert Clarke	Do.	3 9 4	18	0	0
	Total expenditure in 1852		£247	0	11

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

24th February, 1853.

RECAPITULATION SHOWING THE WHOLE AMOUNT EXPENDED IN THE DISTRICT OF TRINITY BAY NORTH FOR 1851 AND 1852.

Grants in the Session of 1851.	Expendi- ture in 1851.			Expended in 1852.			Balance un- drawn.	Estimated and to com- plete roads.		
	£	s	d.	£	s	d.		£	s	d.
Trinity to Catalina	£450	220	19	1	229	0	11	500	0	0
Ditto to Bonaventure	18	18						700	0	0
Brown Road to Trinity	36	36	0	0						
Street and Bridge in Trinity								100	0	0
Branch line, Bonaventure line to Cuck- holds Cove								100	0	0
	£504	256	19	1	247	0	11	£ 1400	0	0

J. NOAD,

Supervisor.

24th Feb., 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

BONAVISTA ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Proportion of the £675 granted for the whole District.....	206 13 0
Amount before unappropriated	4 18 0

Stg. £211 11 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- WILLIAM SWEETLAND Esq., Chairman.
 JOSEPH SHEARS
 ARCHIBALD ARNOTT
 JAMES SAINT
 EDWARD MIFFLEN.

No report has been received from the Bonavista section of the Bonavista road district of the proceedings of the Commissioners during the past year.

A detailed account of the expenditure during that period, made up agreeably with certified orders, is given on the other side.

The Estimate of the amount necessary to complete the various roads in this district is rather from the Report of 1851.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
Joseph Tucker	Catalina to Bird Island.	£2 9 10	
John Hanley	Do.	1 8 7	
James Martin	Do.	2 18 6	
C. Burt	Do.	3 5 0	
Charles Miles	Do.	0 19 2	
Do.	Do.	0 19 2	
John Miles	Do.	2 1 7	
Richard Randall	Do.	2 18 6	
Robert Tucker	Do.	2 18 6	
Joseph Tucker	Do.	0 16 7	
John Miles	Do.	1 14 8	
Robert Tucker	Do.	4 6 8	
Charles Miles	Do.	0 13 2	
John Miles ..	Do.	0 5 2	
			£27 15 1
William Collins	Amherst Cove to Seal Cove.	1 0 11	
Thomas Paul	Do.	3 9 4	
Robert Hicks	Do.	3 9 4	
William Wiseman	Do.	0 17 4	
Do.	Do.	1 14 8	
Thomas Ford, jun'r. ...	Do.	2 7 8	
Do.	Do.	2 17 9	
John Sticklan	Do.	3 18 0	
Esau Beryer	Amherst Cove to Seals Cove Brook.	4 15 1	
John Romaine	Do.	2 9 5	
Stephen Cole	Do.	1 10 0	
Do.	Do.	3 0 8	
Joseph Brown	Do.	2 1 7	
			33 11 9
Thomas Tremlet	Bonavista to Lance Cove.	1 6 0	
White & Tremlett	Do.	1 19 0	
J. Griffin	Do.	1 14 8	
J. Griffin	Do.	0 17 4	
James Coughlan	Do.	2 12 0	
White and Tremlet	Do.	1 19 0	
Matthew Ryder	Do.	2 12 0	
Thomas Tremlett	Do.	1 6 0	
			14 6 0
James Cox	Bonavista to Catalina.	1 7 3	
Do.	Do.	1 16 0	
Michael Ryan	Do.	1 19 0	
Do.	Do.	5 4 5	
			£10 6 8
	Carried forward.....		£85 19 6

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
	Brought forward.....		£85 19 6
Edward Mackay	Bonavista to Catalina.	3 3 3	
John Stanley	Do.	1 8 7	
Edward Mackay	Do.	3 3 3	
Robert Tucker	Do.	2 13 4	
Roger Harris	Do.	2 13 4	
John Ryder	Do.	4 19 8	
James Hayward	Do.	4 8 5	
George Harris	Do.	2 14 7	
George Pardy	Do.	2 0 1	
Do.	Do.	2 0 1	
Robert Russell	Do.	1 4 3	
John Morey	Do.	2 3 4	
Joseph Carrol	Do.	2 9 2	
Roger Harris	Do.	2 13 4	
Michael Ryan	Do.	3 18 0	
Orlando Hollett	Do.	3 0 8	
			55 0 0
Thomas Tilly	Bonavista road.	6 2 6	
Do.	Do.	3 1 3	
William Wells	Do.	2 14 1	
			11 17 10
Hugh Abbott	Lance Cove to Bayley's Cove.		2 3 4
Edward Ryan	Bridge at Dildo Cove.		9 10 8
James Butt	Streets in Bonavista.	1 10 1	
Do.	Do.	1 10 0	
Edward Morey	Coster Street, ditto	2 16 4	
Thomas Burge	Chapel Street, ditto	2 0 5	
Do.	Ditto do.	1 0 3	
			8 17 1
Richard Edmonds	Bonavista to Birchy Cove.	5 17 0	
Thomas Rolls	Do.	3 16 11	
John Romaine	Do.	5 6 2	
John Davis	Do.	3 3 2	
Simon Browner	Do.	3 17 1	
William Ryan	Do.	2 14 7	
Edward Powell	Do.	1 12 5	
Do.	Do.	3 4 11	
Simon Browner	Do.	1 18 6	
			31 10 9
Thomas Hayward	Birchy Cove to Lower Amherst Cove.		0 19 6
William Collins	Road to Seals Cove.	2 1 11	2 1 11
	Carried forward		£208 0 7

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed,	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
	Brought forward.....		£208 0 7
Thomas Collins	Road to Seals Cove.	3 5 0	
Thomas Ford, jun'r. ...	Do.	1 8 10	6 15 9
William Pearce	Road to Spillars Cove.		4 6 8
Thomas Ford, sen'r. ...	Branch road to Upper Amherst Cove.	3 18 0	
Do.	Do.	1 19 0	5 17 0
Samuel Keats	Newman's Cove to Amherst Cove.	4 3 9	
William Skiffin	Do.	4 6 8	8 10 5
Christopher Hawkins ...	Seals Cove Bridge.		2 12 0
William Ryan	Birchy Cove to Newman's Cove.		4 12 9
			£228 6 7

RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Expenditure in 1851.	Expenditure in 1852, stg.	Balances undrawn for.	Estimated sum to complete roads.
Proportion of £675 granted generally for the whole of the Bonavista District.....	£211 11 0	8 7 1	200 11 6	2 12 5
Catalina to Bird Island Cove...36 0 0			27 15 1	8 4 11
	£247 11 0	8 7 1	228 6 7	10 17 4

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

28th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

KING'S COVE ROAD BOARD.

GRANTS IN THE SESSION OF 1851.

Proportion of the £675 granted for the Bonavista District.....	£195	9	0
Road, King's Cove to Trinity	135	0	0
	<u>£330</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- JAMES STEWART, Esq., Chairman.
 Mr. DAVID CANDOW.
 " JOHN BROWN.
 " MICHAEL MURPHY
 " JAMES DOOLEY.

No report has been received from the King's Cove Board of Road Commissioners.

A detailed account of the expenditure is appended hereto, made agreeably with orders presented for payment.

2nd March., 1853.

J. NOAD,
Supervisor.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
Patrick Wade	King's Cove towards Bonavista.		£0 17 4
James Eagan	Road between Keels and Tickle Cove	4 4 11	
Ditto	Ditto	0 9 9	
T. Neale & Co.	120 perches ditto	13 17 4	
William Chapman	13 ditto ditto	1 11 11	
Terence Donovan	ditto ditto	1 7 7	
Mark Matthew	ditto ditto	3 8 9	
Thomas Neale	ditto compn. for land.	2 12 0	
Ditto	16½ perches ditto	1 11 11	
Charles McCarthy	2¾ ditto ditto	1 10 4	
T. Neale & Co.	120 ditto ditto	6 18 8	
Daniel Whealan	14 ditto ditto	1 16 5	39 9 7
James Hogan	Repairing bridge at Broad Cove.	1 6 0	
Ditto	ditto	2 12 0	3 18 0
James Eagan	Road between Broad Cove and Keels	12 11 4	
Ditto	ditto	0 18 8	13 10 0
Mark Walter	Compn. for land betwn. T. Cove & O. Hall.	0 13 0	
John Quinton	ditto	1 14 8	
C. Winton & brothers...	ditto	13 0 0	
Robert Gould	ditto	1 14 8	17 2 4
Richard Walsh	10½ p. road betwn. King's & Broad Coves	0 8 11	
P. & J. Hollahan	20 p. ditto	0 7 9	
James Matthews	10 p. ditto	0 15 2	
Parsons and Freaney ...	50 p. ditto	4 6 8	
P. & J. Hollahan	10 p. ditto	0 7 9	
W. Hollahan	10 p. ditto	0 8 1	
William Lewis	10 p. ditto	0 12 3	
William Doyle	10 p. ditto	0 8 8	7 15 3
Patrick Walsh	¼ mile, road King's Cove to Trinity.	1 7 5	
Andrew Jackson	ditto ditto	1 8 9	
Laurence Martin	ditto ditto	3 12 8	
Edward Hartery	ditto ditto	2 3 4	
John Beckett	ditto ditto	0 17 0	
Michael Martin	ditto ditto	1 19 10	
Andrew Parsons	ditto ditto	4 6 8	
Philip Aylward	16 bridges ditto	17 19 8	
Matthew Walsh	¼ mile ditto	1 8 11	
William Barrett	ditto ditto	1 2 5	
Matthew Freaney	ditto ditto	4 6 8	40 13 4
	Carried forward.....		£123 5 10

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.		Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
	Brought forward.....			£123 5 10
Michael Aylward	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile,	road King's Cove to Trinity.	2 17 6	
Daniel Whelan	Ditto	ditto	1 6 0	
Patrick Walsh	ditto	ditto	0 11 5	
Patrick Rickett	ditto	ditto	0 18 9	
Michael McGrath	ditto	ditto	2 12 5	
Philip Kerwan	ditto	ditto	1 1 8	
William Martin	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile	ditto	3 9 4	
William Galliher	ditto	ditto	0 16 7	
Thomas Maddock	ditto	ditto	1 0 2	
Edward Murphy	ditto	ditto	0 16 9	
James Martin	ditto	ditto	4 6 8	
Patrick Walsh	ditto	ditto	2 14 10	
Michael Aylward	ditto	ditto	1 8 9	
Philip Kerwan	ditto	ditto	0 10 10	
Thomas Maddock	ditto	ditto	0 10 1	
Philip Hanrahan	23 perches	ditto	0 19 1	
Edward Hartery	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile	ditto	1 1 8	
Thomas Walsh	ditto	ditto	3 0 8	
Matthew Walsh	ditto	ditto	2 17 9	
Daniel Whelan	ditto	ditto	4 3 2	
Ditto	ditto	ditto	2 12 0	
Lawrence Martin	ditto	ditto	4 4 11	
Ditto	ditto	ditto	1 16 4	
Michael McGrath	ditto	ditto	1 6 2	
Andrew Jackson	ditto	ditto	2 17 6	
				90 14 4
Patrick Matthew	Bridge, betwn.	Seals Cove & Knight's Cove	2 19 4	
James Aylward	ditto	ditto	10 12 4	
				13 11 8
Joshua Aylward	Road,	Seals Cove to King's Cove.	2 6 3	
James Matthews	Bridge,	ditto	1 5 1	
				3 11 4
Aylward & Martin	Road,	Black Head Bay to Catalina.	3 0 8	
T. Hollohan & Co.	Do. between S. Arm and Indian Arm.		4 6 8	
Patrick Heany & Co.	3 bridges between Plate Cove & I. Arm.		13 17 4	
Thomas Neale	320 p. road,	Open Hall to Plate Cove.	4 5 6	
Patrick Darrigan	80 ditto	ditto	0 14 4	
William Long		ditto	1 14 1	
Welsh & Joy		ditto	6 6 6	
Ditto	Bridge, road	ditto	0 16 6	
Thomas Vine & Co.	One mile ditto	ditto	2 3 1	
William Long	Half ditto ditto	ditto	0 17 0	
Welsh & Joy	ditto	ditto	3 3 3	
				20 0 3
		Carried forward.....		£272 8 1

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed,	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
	Brought forward.....		£272 8 1
James Aylward	Opg. 2 miles Bk. Head Bay to Bonavista	£1 3 1	
Michael Long	Bridge in Black Head Bay	5 4 0	
			6 7 1
Terence Donovan	14 perches, Keels to Tickle Cove	0 13 10	
Thomas Neal & Co.	25 perches, ditto	4 10 2	
Edward Carroll	4 perches, Keels to Tickle Cove	0 8 8	
John Carroll	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ditto ditto	1 11 7	
James Eagan	ditto	2 2 5	
Edward Carroll	30 ditto ditto	2 14 2	
Thomas Neale	22 ditto ditto	3 13 8	
H. P. Sullivan	12 $\frac{1}{4}$ ditto ditto	2 2 11	
Patrick Matthews	14 ditto ditto	1 16 5	
Mark Matthews	ditto	1 14 3	
			21 8 1
James Rickett	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile road, King's Cove to Trinity	2 6 10	
Patrick Rickett	Do.	2 11 7	
Ditto	Do.	1 17 7	
Wm. Barrett	Do.	1 19 0	
Ditto	Do.	2 4 9	
Edward Murphy	Do.	1 13 6	
Wm. Gallicker	Do.	1 14 4	
Philip Handcock	$\frac{3}{4}$ Do.	8 19 0	
Wm. Marten	$\frac{1}{4}$ Do.	1 14 8	
John Rickett	$\frac{1}{4}$ Do.	3 6 9	
James Rickett	$\frac{1}{4}$ Do.	2 8 6	
Simon Jackman	Do.	3 8 11	
Ditto	Do.	2 11 7	
John Rickett	Do.	1 14 1	
Maddock & Hegan	40 perches Do.	8 13 4	
James Walsh	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile Do.	1 2 10	
James Martin	15 perches Do.	1 4 10	
			49 12 1
Daniel Whelan	10 perches, King's Cove to Broad Cove	0 8 8	
Edward Harley	Do.	0 7 3	
Wm. Holahan	Do.	0 16 4	
P. & J. Holahan	Do.	0 7 9	
M. Devine and Son	Do.	2 11 3	
John Holloway	Do.	0 13 0	
John Weeks	Do.	1 19 0	
			7 3 3
Thomas Ryan	Road, Tickle Cove to Open Hall	1 6 0	
Thomas Rowe	Do.	0 17 4	
			2 3 4
	Carried forward.....		£359 1 11

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
	Brought forward.....	£2 3 4	£316 5 3
Thomas Downey.....	Road—Tickle Cove to Open Hall	3 18 0	6 1 4
Patrick Heany & Co.....	Bridge in Plate Cove Harbor		1 2 6
Michael Long.....	Wharf at Main Bridge, Seals Cove to Tickle Cove		5 1 2
			£328 10 3

RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Expended in 1851.	Expended in 1852.	Balance un-drawn.
Proportion of £675 granted for Bonavista Road District	£195 9 0	328 10 3	1 1 5
King's Cove to Trinity	135 0 0		
	£330 9 0	£0 17 4	328 10 3
			1 1 5

J. NOAD,
Supervisor.

2nd March, 1853.

SALVAGE ROAD BOARD.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Proportion of £675 granted in 1851 for the Bonavista Road District

£50 10 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. WILLIAM LANG, Chairman.

“ HENRY WILLS

“ WILLIAM DYKE, jun'r.

“ JAMES PIKE.

“ WILLIAM SAMSON.

No Report has been received from the Commissioners of the Salvage Board.
Orders presented to be certified, and which have been paid, are enumerated on the other side.

2nd March, 1853.

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractors in Stg.	Total.
Joseph Samson	Making landing place and 20 perches Road at Flat Island.....	£4 6 8	
John Lane	35 perches road through Salvage harbor	5 4 0	
Thomas Wills	42 perches road between Salvage and Barrow Harbor	6 18 8	16 9 4

Grants in 1851.	Expended in 1852.	Balance un-drawn.
Proportion of £675 granted for the Bonavista District	£50 10	£16 9 4
		£34 0 8

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

2nd March 1853.

GREEN'S POND SECTION OF THE BONAVIDA ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Proportion of £675 granted for the Bonavista Road District..... £217 10 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

LORENZO MOORE, Esq., Chairman.
 Messrs. HENRY DUDOR.
 " — BLANDFORD.
 WILLIAM TUFF
 JOHN RIDOUT.

No report has been received from the Greenspond Board of Road Commissioners.

A Detailed Account of the expenditure, in so far as it has gone, is given on the other side, by which it will be seen that the greater part of the sum appropriated for Greenspond remains yet undrawn for.

J. NOAD,
 Supervisor.

2nd March., 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Total.
Melendy & Vincent	Bridge near Cape Freels	£6 7 1	£ s. d. 21 0 5
Thomes Mellendy	Do.	14 13 4	
Richard Hounsell	Road on Pinchard's Island	7 0 0	25 0 0
Charles Kelly	36 Perches Road and 2 Drains on Pinchard's Island	18 0 0	
George Barfoot	Sunken Wharf at Fool's Island	10 0 0	18 0 0
Jacob Preston	Compensation for land at Ditto	2 12 0	
Rewben Hollett	Road at Ditto	5 8 0	
Thonas Burney	Road in Greenspond .....	...	8 0 0
Samuel Kean	Road at Flower's Island .....	...	5 0 0
Thomas Mellendy	Balance on work .....	...	0 19 6
Edward Bishop	Road at Swains Island .....	...	10 0 0
Thomas Hawkins	Making solid road at Fair Island .....	...	12 0 0
			£99 19 11

RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Expended in 1851.	Expended in 1852.	Balance un-drawn.
Proportion of £675 granted for the Bonavista District	£217 10	6 7 1	93 12 10
			117 10 1

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

2nd March, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

EXPLOITS BURNT ISLAND ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANT IN THE SESSION OF 1851.

Burnt Island, Exploits.....£75 0 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- Mr. EDWARD DOWNTON, Chairman.
- “ WILLIAM MURCHISTON.
- “ THOMAS BUTT.
- “ WILLIAM SAVIOR.

The Burnt Islands are two in number, separated from each other by a tickle—on both sides of the Tickle there are inhabitants, but the eastern island alone has a road: this was first opened, in part, some five or six years ago, and it extends the whole length of the island, which is about one mile.

The road is not opened of a uniform width, being in some parts thereof fourteen feet wide, and in others, eleven.

The £75 stg., granted in the session of 1851 has completed about three quarters of the mile, which has been made and gravelled nine feet wide; to complete the whole distance in a similar manner will require £50 sterling more.

To make a road on the western island, such as would be serviceable to the residents there, would require the sum of about £200 sterling.

In consequence of the scarcity of provisions in Burnt Island, application was made to his Honor the Administrator of the Government, praying that a portion of the sum granted for the road there may be forwarded in provisions—this was acceded to, and 22 barrels of meal was accordingly sent, the same to be disposed of in payment for work to such parties as may require that mode of payment; and accounted for by the Commissioners in the usual way.

JOSEPH NOAD,
Supervisor.

24th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Total paid Contractors in stg.
William Murchiston for 8 Contractors	Road in Burnt Island.	£16 6 9
John Foot, for 12 Contractors	Ditto	24 4 0
Thomas Budgel.....	Ditto	1 6 6
Edward and John Mulloy	Ditto	1 5 1
Purchase and Seymour ...	Ditto	2 7 8
Amount of Provisions sent at request of Commissioners, viz. 22 bls. Indian Meal at 27s. each.....	.....	25 14 9
Total expended in 1852 .....	.....	£71 4 3
Amount of Grant .....	.....	75 0 0
Balance remaining .....	.....	£3 15 9

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

24th. February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

HARBOR BRITON SECTION OF THE FORTUNE BAY ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.	
Making Road on North-side of Harbor Briton.....	£45 0 0
Finishing Road from Harbor Briton to Connaigre	45 0 0
Finishing Road round Jersey Harbor	22 10 0
Finishing Road from Jersey Harbor to Little Bay.....	45 0 0
	£157 10 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

THOMAS E. GADEN, Esq., Chairman.
 ANDREW ELLIS. ...
 JOHN TROOD. ...
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 J. CHAPMAN, Esq's. ...

No Report has been received from the Harbor Briton Board.

The expenditure, as far as orders have been presented for payment, is stated below.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Total.
George Woodley	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches, North-side Harbor Briton	£19 5 8
Richard Langmead	119 perches, Harbor Briton to Connaigre	23 4 1
George Harding.....	100 perches, Jersey Harbor to Little Bay	19 6 4
	Total expended Stg.	£61 16 1
	Ditto granted	157 10 0
	Balance remaining	£95 13 11

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

28th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

BELLORAM SECTION OF THE FORTUNE BAY ROAD DISTRICT.

SUMS GRANTED IN THE SESSION OF 1851.

Finishing road round Belloram	£45	0	0
Ditto from ditto to St. Jacques.....	90	0	0
Making road to English Harbor.....	135	0	0
	<u>£270</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. JOHN CLUETT, Chairman.

" JOHN GRANDY.

" PATRICK BURKE.

REV. J. MARSHALL.

The road round Belloram was opened seven or eight years ago, and is about one mile and a quarter in length. With the sum of £15 stg., voted in the session of 1851, necessary repairs have been made, and bridges built where required. The road is fourteen feet wide from drain to drain, and gravelled seven feet—the whole is now in a fair state of repair.

From Belloram to St. Jacques is a distance of three miles—this road was also opened some seven or eight years ago, fourteen feet wide, and drained. With the above-mentioned sum of £90 stg., the whole distance, with the exception of about 150 perches, has been levelled and gravelled seven feet—to complete the unfinished part will require a further sum of about £40 sterling.

For "making the road to English Harbor" the sum of £135 was granted, as before-mentioned: this road commences at St. Jacques, and thence proceeds to English Harbor, a distance of about three miles. The Harbor Briton Board, some 5 or 6 years ago, opened this road fourteen feet wide. In the past year about one mile and a half has been levelled, drained and gravelled—to finish the remainder will require an additional sum of about £135 sterling.

A road from Belloram Harbor to Belloram Barrisway, a distance of about one mile, is represented as much required by the many persons residing at the latter place. To open and make this mile would cost at least £160 sterling.

A road also from Belloram Harbor to Back Cove, a distance of about three quarters of a mile, is said to be much needed. This road, if made, would open a rich tract of land for cultivation, and be generally of great service: to accomplish it would require about £100 stg.

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

24th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in stg.	Sterling
Samuel Cluett	118 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches, St. Jacques to Belloram ...	£27 14 2	
James Pine	Bridge ditto	5 0 0	
William Young	100 perches ditto	22 5 10	
Stephen Cluett	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches ditto	2 10 0	
Edward Fudge	100 perches ditto	32 10 0	
			£90 0 0
Philip Keddle	100 perches of Road, St. Jacques and English Harbor.	30 0 0	
William Cluett	Ditto ditto	35 0 0	
Thomas Cluett	114 $\frac{1}{4}$ Ditto ditto	39 19 9	
Wm. and Owen Burke	100 Ditto ditto	30 0 0	
			134 19 9
Samuel Cluett	23 Ditto Harbor of Belloram ...	5 5 5	
Thomas Cluett	9 Ditto ditto	1 19 9	
George Gould	37 Ditto ditto	3 17 0	
Thomas Cluett	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ditto ditto	9 5 6	
Samuel Cluett	Bridge in Grandy's Brook	4 9 0	
George Gould	34 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches road ditto	6 0 0	
Robert Rose	Bridge over Mary's Brook	6 10 0	
William Dicks	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches road ditto	7 13 4	
			45 0 0

ESTIMATED EXPENSE IN OPENING OR REPAIRING ROADS.

Belloram to St. Jacques	£40 0 0
Road to English Harbor	135 0 0
Belloram Harbor to Belloram Barrisway	160 0 0
Ditto do. to Back Cove	100 0 0
Estimated amount necessary to open and complete roads in the Belloram section of the Fortune Bay road district	£435 0 0

JOSEPH NOAD,
Supervisor.

24th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

FOGO ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Tilton Harbor	£100 0 0
Joe Bats Arm and Bird Island.....	75 0 0
Fogo	100 0 0
Between Fogo and Seldom-come-by.....	100 0 0

£375 0 0

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- J. B. REGHMORE, Esq., Chairman.
- G. E. RIDOUT, Esq.
- Messrs. H. FINDLATER.
- “ J. WINTER.
- “ S. LUDLOW.
- J. FITZGERALD, Esq., Inspector.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1852.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractors in sterling.	Totals.
Messrs. Cox & Co., for 11 contractors	60 perches road at Bird Island.	£24 0 0	
Henry Head	North side of Joe Bats Arm.	1 0 0	
John Coffin and 9 or's., contractors	60 perches ditto.	24 0 0	
Richard Emberly and 5 others, contractors	South ditto.	25 0 0	
Thomas Liat, and 20 contractors	250 perches south side Fogo Harbor.	50 0 0	
Michael Ryan, and 35 others, contractors	400 perches road at Tilton Harbor.	100 0 0	
Jas. Blandford and 22 others, contractors	250 perches towards Seldom-come-by.	50 0 0	
Carried forward.....			£274 0 0

Roads and Bridges.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1852, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Total.
	Brought forward.....		£274 0 0
Messrs. Brooking & Son, for 23 contractors	250 perches from Fogo towards Seldom-come-by	£50 0 0	
Messrs. Brooking & Son, for 21 contractors	250 perches, North side of Fogo harbor.	50 0 0	
Benjamin Tuniman.....	Compensation for land at Bird Island.	1 0 0	101 0 0
	Total expenditure up to 10th Jan., 1853.		£375 0 0

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1852

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Total.
James For & Co, for 21 contractors	250 perches road at Bird Island.	£24 0 0	
Richard Laidley and John Giffin and Sons	North side of San John's Bay.	1 0 0	
Richard Laidley and John Giffin and Sons	250 perches ditto.	£24 0 0	
Richard Laidley and John Giffin and Sons	South ditto.	£5 0 0	
Richard Laidley and John Giffin and Sons	250 perches south side of Fogo harbor.	£50 0 0	
Richard Laidley and John Giffin and Sons	100 perches road at Filton Harbor.	100 0 0	
Richard Laidley and John Giffin and Sons	250 perches towards Seldom-come-by.	50 0 0	
	Brought forward.....		£375 0 0

Roads and Bridges.

TWILLINGATE ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Twillingate	£150
Tizzard's Harbor	25
Morton's Harbor	25
Fortune	25
	—
	£225
	—

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1852.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid in stg.
Daniel Young	Freight of Provisions	£3 9 4
John Elliot	South-side of Twillingate	6 18 8
	Total expenditure to 10th Jan. 1853....	£10 8 0

RECAPITULATION.

	Expended in 1851.	Expended in 1852.	Amount un- expended.
Grants in 1851	£225	£194 10 10	£20 1 2

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LOWER ISLAND COVE ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Main line from Western Bay to Bay-de-Verd.....	£340	0	0
Road from Gusset's Cove to Western Bay	30	0	0
	£370 0 0		

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1852.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Totals.
Steven Halyard	Repairing Bridge at Ochre Pit Cove.....	£43 6 8	
John White.....	Caplin Cove and Bay-de-Verd	2 16 4	
James King	Repairing Bridge at Black Head.....	12 0 0	
William Cummins	Repairing Bridge at Lower Island Cove and Caplin Cove.....	3 17 11	
David Garland	Repairing Bridge at Church Hill Brook	3 8 5	
Wm. Butler.....	24 Perches Road at Northern Bay	1 11 2	
James King.....	Western Bay South Bridge	16 18 0	
Patrick McCarthey.....	32 Perches Road, Cherry Hill Road, near Bay-de-Verds	3 9 4	
Joseph Crummy	Repairing Bridge at Western Bay.....	42 7 7	
James King.....	Repairing South Bridge at Ditto	6 14 4	
James Crowley.....	Repairing Bridge in Western Bay	5 12 8	
Michael Power.. ..	Repairing Bridge at Caplin Cove	3 8 6	
James Fahey	Compensation for Land in Western Bay	3 9 4	
Henry Janes.....	10 Perches Road and 3 Bridges.....	2 15 5	
Thomas Hannon.....	Island Pond Bridge	1 13 10	
Patrick Colford	Repairing Bridge at Job's Cove.....	2 16 4	
Robert Shaw.....	10 Perches Road, Lower Island Cove.....	1 2 9	
William Cooper.....	20 Ditto ditto ditto	3 17 6	
John Garland	40 Ditto ditto ditto	4 11 0	
	Carried forward.....		£165 17 1

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1852. [Continued]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Totals.
	Brought forward.....	.....	£165 17 1
James Dunn	12 Perches, Caplin Cove and Bay-de-Verd	£1 14 8	
Thomas Hearn	25 Ditto ditto	4 0 2	
Thomas Whellan	68 Ditto ditto	10 14 11	
Isaac Brown	15 Ditto, Job's Cove and Lower Island Cove	1 11 5	
John Cullemore	60 Ditto ditto	4 19 8	
Thomas Shut	Bridge Lower Isld. Cove and Caplin Cove	7 15 1	
John Austin	40 Perches Road, Job's Cove and Lower Island Cove	3 12 4	
Samuel Murray	Bridge between Black Head and Western Bay	0 10 10	
Nicholas Murphy	Bridge between Gull Island and Job's Cove	2 7 8	
J. & W. Boyd	Freight of lumber for Black-head Bridge	1 0 8	
James King	Repairing bridge Black-head main line...	6 8 7	
Henry Evans	Bradley's Cove to Western Bay Chapple	17 6 8	
Wm. Moors	Bridge at Adam's Cove	2 12 0	
Thomas Moors	Ditto	2 7 8	
Nicholas Moores	Ditto	1 1 7	
Wm. Power	Ditto	2 12 0	
	Amount expended till 10th Jan. 1852		£236 13 0

RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Sum expended in 1851.	Sum expended in 1852.	Balance un-expended.
Road from Western Bay to Bay-de-Verds £340	£82 14 10	236 13 0	20 12 2
Road from Gussell's Cove to Western Bay 30	30 0 0
£370	82 14 10	236 13 0	50 12 2

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BURIN ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.	
From Burin to Garnish	£540 0 0
“ Fortune to Grand Bank	31 10 0
“ Lamaline	36 0 0
“ Bulls Cove towards Port au Bras.....	13 10 0
“ George’s Point to Pathend	13 10 0
“ Kerby Cove to Ship Cove	13 10 0
“ Beau Bois towards Port au Bras.....	18 0 0
“ Great Burin road.....	9 0 0
	£675 0 0

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- “ FRANCIS MORAN.
- Mr. WM. BUTLER, Inspector.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractors in sterling.	Totals.
On the road between Burin and Garnish.			
Wm. Church	Making 20 perches.	£4 6 8	
Daniel Fennel	“ 20 “	4 6 8	
Wm. Vickary	“ 32 “	6 18 8	
Garret Barry	“ 20 “	4 6 8	
Thomas Plowman	“ 20 “	4 6 8	
	Carried forward.....		£24 5 9

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Total.
	On the road between Burin and Garnish.		
	Brought forward.....		£24 5 4
John Murphy.....	Making 20 perches.	£4 6 8	
Patrick Ward.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
John Drake.....	" 26 "	5 12 8	
Thomas Pike.....	" 40 "	8 13 4	
John Walsh.....	" 26 "	5 12 8	
Wm. Chick.....	" 15 "	2 9 8	
Daniel Hanrahan.....	" 15½ "	3 7 2	
Denis Knowlan.....	" 12 "	2 0 0	
Pat. Hanrahan.....	" 12 "	2 0 0	
Peter Hanrahan.....	" 12 "	2 0 0	
John Drake.....	" 12 "	2 0 0	
John Taylor.....	" 10½ "	2 5 6	
Joseph Pitcher.....	" 60 "	13 0 0	
John Drake & Son.....	" 57 "	12 7 0	
James Farrel.....	" 40 "	8 13 4	
John Hanrahan.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
Joseph Drake.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
Thomas Mallowney.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
John Power.....	" 23¼ "	5 0 9	
George Penny.....	" 10 "	2 3 4	
Wm. Hobin.....	" 10 "	2 3 4	
Ben. Whittle.....	" 15½ "	3 7 2	
Michael Keating.....	" 20 "	3 6 4	
John Quin.....	" 21 "	4 11 0	
M. Keating & Sons.....	" 60 "	13 0 0	
Richard Henabury.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
Robert Henabury.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
John Power.....	" 10½ "	2 5 6	
Garret Dempsey.....	" 20 "	2 17 9	
Peter Hanrahan.....	" 12 "	0 19 9	
Joseph Hallett.....	" 37 "	9 4 4	
Wm. Butler.....	Laying out road.	7 19 9	
Thomas Pike.....	Making 30½ perches.	6 12 2	
John Woundy.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
Ditto.....	" 37½ "	8 2 6	
Alban Burbage.....	" 12 "	1 14 8	
Joseph Pierce.....	" 21½ "	4 13 2	
James Moulton.....	" 20 "	4 6 8	
Ditto.....	" 17 "	2 4 4	
Thomas Pike.....	" 22 "	4 15 4	
John Taylor.....	" 22 "	4 15 4	
	Brought forward.....		198 17 10
			£223 3 2

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Totals.
	Road between Burin and Garnish		
	Brought forward		£198 17 10
John Quin	Making 16 perches.	£3 9 4	
Michael Ivany	Cutting and clearing woods.	7 18 2	
Wm. Chick	Making 15 perches.	1 5 1	
Daniel Farrel	" 12 "	0 19 9	
Denis Knowlan	" 15 "	1 5 1	
John Aylward	" 21 "	4 11 0	
John Butler	" 27 "	3 10 2	
Wm. Vickery	" 27 "	5 17 0	
Patrick Hand	Repairing road.	2 6 9	
Patrick Hanrahan	Making 12 perches.	0 19 9	
Thomas Plowman	Repairing Road.	2 6 9	
John Butler	Making 68½ perches	5 7 8	
Garret Dempsey	Ditto 20 ditto	1 8 11	
R. and M. Brown	Ditto 34 ditto	8 9 5	
Pat Hanrahan & Sons	Ditto 37 ditto	8 0 4	
John Quin	Ditto 200 at 7½d.	5 8 4	
Chas. Young	Ditto 19 ditto	4 3 4	
John Drake	Ditto 12 ditto	0 19 9	
Richard Pitman	Ditto 20 ditto	4 6 8	
James Phizzard	Ditto 20 ditto	4 6 8	
John Binge	Ditto 25 ditto	5 8 4	
John Deer	Ditto 18½ ditto	4 0 2	
James Todds	Ditto 20 ⅔ ditto	2 18 9	
Chas. Young	Ditto 20 ditto	4 6 8	
T. & R. Drake	Ditto 41½ ditto	8 19 10	
P. Power	Ditto ⅔ of contract	2 6 9	
M. Kenrick	Ditto 292 ditto	7 18 2	
Ditto	Ditto 15½ ditto	3 19 11	
John Taylor	Ditto 27 ditto	3 10 2	
Ditto	Ditto 31 ditto	4 0 7	
Ditto	Ditto 68½ ditto at 1s. 9d., 147 ditto at 6d.	5 7 8	
James Todds	⅓ of Contract	1 7 11	
John Taylor	10½ perches.	1 7 3	
William Butler	Laying out Line of Road to Garnish	8 13 4	
Michael Ivany	Making 75 perches.	9 15 0	
Thomas Pike	Making 42 perches	5 9 2	
Ditto	Ditto 43 ditto	5 12 0	
Ditto	Ditto 29 ditto	1 5 4	
Ditto	Ditto 49 ditto	2 10 3	
Mathew Keefe	Ditto 76 ditto	9 17 7	175 4 9
	Carried forward.....		£374 2 7

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE [Continued]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Total.
	Brought forward		£374 2 7
	Laying out Line of Road to Garnish.		
Michael Brown	Making 31 perches	£4 0 7	
John Butler	Do. 31 do.	4 0 7	
John Quinn	Do. 85 do.	11 1 0	
Robert Cheachy	Do. 33 do.	4 9 5	
Ditto	Do. 20 do.	2 12 4	
Richard Murphy	Do. 12 do.	2 12 0	
John Butler	Do. 21½ do.	2 15 9	
	Total expenditure to 10th January, 1853.		430 9 0
	On the Road from Beau Bois to Port-au-Bras.		
	Bras.		
James Farrell	Making 14 perches	1 16 5	
Charles Young	Do. 14 do.	1 16 5	
Thomas Drake	Do. 7 do.	0 18 2	
Daniel Watson	Do. 14 do.	1 16 5	
	Total expenditure to 10th Jany, 1853.		6 7 5
	On the Road between Bull-Cove and Port-au-Bras.		
Henry Demner	Making 17 perches	2 4 2	
Pierce Fitzpatrick	Do. 17 do.	2 4 2	4 8 4
	Total expenditure to 10th January, 1853.		
	On the Great Burin Road		
James Binge	Making 17 perches road	2 4 2	
John Burton	Do. 17 do. do.	2 4 2	4 8 4
	Total expenditure to 10th January, 1853.		£445 13 1

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RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Sum expend ed in 1851.	Sum expend ed in 1852.	Balance un- expended.
From Burin to Garnish	£540 0 0	£81 5 0	£430 9 0
“ Fortune to Grand Bank	31 10 0		31 10 0
“ Lamaline	36 0 0		36 0 0
“ Bull Cove towards Port au Bras ...	13 10 0	8 16 8	4 8 4
“ George's Point to Pathend	13 10 0	13 0 0	0 10 0
“ Kirby Cove to Ship Cove	13 10 0	11 0 10	2 9 2
“ Beau Bois towards Port au Bras ...	18 0 0	10 0 3	6 7 5
“ Great Burin road	9 0 0	4 8 4	4 8 4
	£675 0 0	128 11 1	445 13 1
			100 15 10

JOSEPH NOAD,
Supervisor.

24th. February, 1853.

FERRYLAND ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Bridge at Bay Bulls	£50 0 0
Road south side of Renewse	40 0 0
Goulds to Bay Bulls	50 0 0
Road between Bay Bulls and Toads Cove	50 0 0
Between Toads Cove and Brigus cross-road	307 0 0
Brigus cross-road to Renewse	93 0 0
Bridge at Aquaforte	130 0 0
	£720 0 0

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Totals.
	From Brigus cross road to Renewes.		
John Power	Long Run bridge.	£1 14 8	
James Coady	Do. do.	17 15 4	
Edward Conway	Bridge between Fermeuse and Renewse.	2 7 8	
Wm. Walsh	Repairing bridge at Cape Broyle.	3 6 9	
John Shisk	Bridge between Ferryland & Aquaforte	5 1 5	
James Coady	Ditto Cape Broyle & Caplin Bay.	1 7 7	
Edward Condon	Spout Bridge, Ferryland.	4 1 5	
Wm. Bryan	2 bridges bet. Cape Broyle & Caplin Bay	1 0 10	
Edward Conway	Bridge near Renewse.	1 1 8	
Wm. Devereux	Ditto near Ferryland.	2 3 4	
Timothy Ryan	Ditto at Freshwater.	2 11 1	
Michael Power	Ditto between Cape Broyle & Caplin Bay.	0 8 8	
Terence Toole	Ditto ditto ditto.	0 10 5	
Patrick Cain	Plank for bridge.	0 17 4	
Michael Bryan	Road between Cape Broyle & Caplin Bay.	1 14 8	
William Coleman	Do. near Court House, Ferryland.	4 6 8	
William Bryan	5 cross-drains, main road.	0 15 2	
Nathaniel Whelan	Road between Cape Broyle & Caplin Bay.	1 12 11	
Patrick Furlong	3 cross-drains, main road.	0 8 8	
			£53 6 3
	On road between Toad's Cove and Brigus.		
John Hearn	40 perches at LaManche.	5 15 7	
M. Hearn	Ditto ditto.	5 15 7	
John Blackler	Repairing Toad's Cove bridge.	4 3 2	
Patrick Kelly	31 bridges bet. Toad's Cove & Brigus c.-r.	4 6 8	
Wm. English	9 perches road at LaManche.	0 12 4	
Patrick Tobin	40 ditto ditto	2 12 0	
Wm. Bryan	40 p. bet. Toad's Cove & Brigus cross-road.	2 5 2	
Michael Bryan	40 do. do.	1 13 8	
Patrick Neyle	40 ditto at LaManche.	8 10 5	
Patrick Dunphy	42 ditto ditto.	3 6 5	
Edward Keefe	ditto ditto.	2 5 3	
Michael Green	42 ditto ditto.	2 5 4	
John Hayes	40 ditto ditto.	2 5 3	
Michael Green	40 ditto ditto.	1 18 6	
James Hayes	40 ditto ditto.	2 5 5	
Thomas Haydon	52 ditto ditto.	1 18 9	
John Bowling	42 ditto ditto.	3 6 5	
Edward Keefe	Road at LaManche.	2 9 10	
John Hearn	Ditto ditto.	3 6 5	
Michael Hearn	Ditto ditto.	2 17 9	
Ditto	At LaManche bridge.	6 9 1	
Ditto	Ditto ditto.	1 13 10	72 2 10
	Carried forward.....		£125 9 1

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, [Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractors in sterling.	Total.
	Brought forward.....		£125 9 1
John Wade	41 perches road at LaManche.	£6 19 2	
John Duggan	44 ditto ditto.	3 8 10	
Edward Keefe	47 ditto ditto.	9 3 3	
Patrick Tobin	47 ditto ditto.	9 13 6	
Patrick Dunphy	40 ditto ditto.	6 1 4	
John Wade	40 ditto ditto.	5 4 0	
Edward Haley	Making 47 pchs. Road at La Manche.	8 16 6	
Thomas Bowling	Do. 43 do. do.	5 2 6	
Michael Lahy	Do. 40 do. do.	2 17 9	
James Hayes	Do. 64 do. do.	8 1 9	
Peter Gregory	Do. 44 do. do.	2 3 9	
Cornelius Power	Do. 42 do. do.	2 8 8	
Michael Bryan	Do. 40 do. do.	1 14 8	
John Hearn	Do. 42 do. do.	5 18 3	149 16 9
	Towards constructing Bridge at Aquaforte.		
Terence Tool	Building wharf	6 0 11	
Martin Conway	Do. do.	6 17 10	
Nathan Ryan	Do. do.	9 8 11	
George Power	Do. do.	7 3 0	
Thomas Lovet	Do. do.	6 6 6	
Michael Doherty	Do. do.	9 2 0	
Joseph Gatheral	Do. do.	6 7 1	
John White	Do. do.	6 17 9	
Robert Powel	Do. do.	6 0 9	
Samuel Hunt	Do. do.	5 10 1	
Robert Mills	Lot of Road approaching Bridge	4 8 6	
Thomas Lovet	Stuff for wharf	1 2 6	
Richard Lovet	Lot of Road approaching Bridge	5 0 1	
John Bryan	Do. do. do.	4 10 6	84 16 5
	On the Road between Bay Bulls and the Goulds		
James Glynn	Repairing Drains	3 0 8	
Edward Keough	24 Perches of Road	2 3 4	
Laurence Drew	20 do. do.	3 2 5	
Michael Bryan	24 do. do.	6 1 4	
James Drew	24 do. do.	6 1 4	
Ditto	24 do. do.	2 12 0	
Jeremiah Hearn	26 do. do.	2 14 5	
Martin Power	24 do. do.	3 7 7	
James Glynn	24 do. do.	2 18 6	
Martin Power	Making Road	5 6 2	37 7 9
			£325 7 2

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RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.		Sum expend ed in 1851.	Sum expend ed in 1852.	Balance un- expended.
Bridge at Bay Bulls	£50 0 0	£50 0 0		
Road, south-side Renewse	40 0 0	40 0 0		
Goulds to Bay Bulls	50 0 0		£23 1 1	£26 18 11
Bay Bulls to Toad's Cove	50 0 0	30 0 0		20 0 0
Between Toad's Cove and Brigus cross- road	307 0 0	156 15 3	149 16 9	0 8 0
Brigus cross-road to Renewse	93 0 0	15 1 7	53 6 3	24 12 2
Bridge at Aquaforte	130 0 0	25 7 0	84 16 5	19 16 7
	£ 720 0 0	317 3 10	311 0 6	91 15 8

JOSEPH NOAD,
Supervisor.

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BRIGUS ROAD DISTRICT.

GRANTS IN 1851.

Salmonier to Spaniards Bay Bridge, inclusive	£720 0 0
Parsons road from Mercer's Cove	20 0 0
Surveyor Generals Road South-shore	10 0 0
Smith's Village Road	15 0 0
Tilley's Packet Road, Killegrews	5 0 0
Crawley's Road to McGrath's	15 0 0
	£785 0 0

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- Mr. JOHN BYRNE, Holyrood.
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24th February, 1853.

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1852.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Total.
	On the Road from Salmonier to Spaniards Bay Bridge inclusive		
William Ryan	Cupids North Pond Road	£6 1 4	
P. & W. Whellan	Main road to Holyrood	5 9 9	
John Power	Drains in Brigus	5 12 8	
Michael Hickey	Roads in district of Brigus	2 16 11	
Do.	Repairing road in Holyrood	0 6 6	
John Hurley	Ditto	5 4 0	
D. O'Connell	Repairing roads in Cat's Cove	5 9 7	
Thomas Boon	“ road in the district of Brigus...	4 15 4	
Daniel Flynn	“ Do. do.	4 6 8	
Cornelius Ferney	“ Do. and Bridges in do	2 3 4	
Patrick Carroll	“ Main road in do	8 0 4	
John Dunne	“ Do. final payment.....	8 7 7	
	“ Road leading to Cupids North Pond	5 15 7	
Alfred Roe	“ North Pond	5 15 7	
John Hearn	“ Road to Bay Roberts	3 19 9	
Patrick Foley	“ Holyrood, district of Brigus...	8 13 4	
David Whellan	“ Main road through Holyrood...	4 2 4	
John Parnel	“ Healy's Ferry Road	2 14 5	
Thomas Moores	“ Bay Roberts road	7 4 5	
James Flynn	“ Road in Colliers	5 12 8	
Patrick Wall	“ Grant's Marsh	0 17 4	
	“ 6 Cross drains, Holyrood		
Daniel Whellan	“ Main road	4 3 2	
Michael Hickey	“ Main road in Holyrood	1 19 0	
S. Spracklin	“ Cupids Main road	5 6 10	
Richard Roberts	“ Road in Brigus	0 17 4	
D. O'Connell	Making cross drains in Holyrood	1 6 0	
E. Spracklin	“ Cupids North pond road	3 0 8	
Stephen Shears	“ Holyrood road	3 9 4	
Patrick Kearney	“ Brigus and Cupids road	4 6 8	
Thomas Parnel	“ Cross drains Holyrood Road...	3 6 4	
Do.	Holyrood, final payment	3 3 11	
Philip Mahony	Repairing road in Cats Cove	2 3 4	
Joseph Porter	“ Black Duck Pond Road	6 18 8	
D. O'Connell	“ on road leading to Holyrood...	1 13 6	
Michael Wall	“ Main road to Holyrood	8 11 11	
John Roberts	Compensation for land at Brigus	1 14 8	
Cornelius Tierney	Repairing road in Brigus	3 0 8	
Johu Parnel	“ road to Healy's Ferry	2 14 7	
	Carried forward.....	£ 155 10 5	

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE—[Continued.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sum paid to Contractor in sterling.	Totals.
	Brought forward.....		£155 10 5
	Smith's Valley Road.		
Wm. Hennessy	Making road	£4 19 8	
Ditto	Ditto	10 0 4	
	On Crawley's Road to McGrath's.		15 0 0
John Crawley	Making road	8 1 3	
James Rielley	Ditto	6 18 9	
	On Tilley's Packet Road.		15 0 0
John Tilley	Making road		4 19 11
	Total expenditure to 10th January, 1853		£190 10 4

RECAPITULATION.

GRANTS IN 1851.	Expenditure in 1851.	Expended in 1852.	Balance unexpended.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salmonier to Spaniards Bay Bridge, inclusive £720	564 9 4	155 10 5	0 0 3
Parsons Road from Mercer's Cove 20			20 0 0
Surveyor General's road, South-shore 10			10 0 0
Smith's Village road 15		15 0 0	
Tilley's Packet road 5		4 19 11	0 0 1
Crawley's road to McGraths 15		15 0 0	
	£785 564 9 9	190 10 4	30 0 4

J. NOAD, Supervisor.

24th February, 1853.

Roads and Bridges.

LETTER FROM THE SUPERVISOR-GENERAL, IN REFERENCE TO THE LE MARCHANT ROAD.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, 18th March, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that I have examined the ground which will be required for the construction of the LeMarchant road, and ascertained the names and number of the parties owning the land through which such road would pass. The parties to whom I thus refer having authorised Mr. Perchard to act for them, I have met that gentleman, and find that the surrender of the necessary extent of land to the Government can be effected on paying the sum of £515 currency, agreeably with the following list, which exceeds the sum specified in the Act 15th Vic., cap. 4, by £46 6s. 8d. sterling.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. NOAD.

The Hon. James Crowdy, &c., &c.

STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSE THAT WOULD BE INCURRED IN THE PURCHASE OF GROUND FOR MAKING THE LEMARCHANT ROAD.

George McPherson	.....	.....	£110	0	0
John C. Toussaint	.....	.....	105	0	0
James and Redmond Brine	.....	.....	90	0	0
John Brine	.....	.....	50	0	0
James Brine	.....	.....	60	0	0
Rev. Mr. Waldron and J. Brine, landlord and Tenant	.....	.....	25	0	0
Mrs. Dayley	.....	.....	20	0	0
Robert Long	.....	.....	50	0	0
Mrs. Cook	.....	.....	5	0	0
			Cy.—£515	0	0
			Stg.—£446	6	8
Sum allowed by the Act 15th Vic., cap. 4, Sec. 5	.....	.....	400	0	0
Ditto required to purchase ground.....	.....	.....	Stg.—£46	6	8

STATEMENT SHEWING THE SUMS PAID ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONTINGENCIES OF THE SEVERAL
BOARDS OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS, 14 VICTORIA, CAP. 2. SEC. 15.

Date.	Road District	Name of person to whom payments were made, and for what service.	Whole amt. payable to each Board.		Sums paid		Totals.		Balances undrawn.		Remarks.
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
1852.	Carbonear	John McCarthy, Chairman	94	2 10	23	5 3					This sum of £46 10s. 6d. stg. accounted for in the former returns.
	Ditto	Richard Anderson, Inspector			23	5 3	46	10 6			
Nov.	Ditto	John M'Carthy, Chairman			8	13 4					
Dec.	Ditto	Ditto			38	19 0	47	12 4			
							94	2 0			
	Harbor Grace	Andrew Drysdale, Chairman	73	17 11	19	12 2					This sum of £42 7s. 2d. stg., accounted for in the former returns.
	Ditto	Do., stationery, &c.			3	2 10					
	Ditto	Richard Anderson, Inspector			19	12 2	42	7 2			
Decr. 27.	Ditto	A. Drysdale, Chairman, &c.			1	19 0					
	Ditto	Ditto			11	8 1					
1853.	Ditto	Richard Anderson, Inspector			11	8 2					
Jany. 3.	Ditto	Andrew Drysdale, Chairman			6	15 6	31	10 9			
							73	17 11			
1852.	Bonavista	Wm. Sweetland, Chairman	25	8 10	7	1 11					
Feb. 13.	Ditto	Michael Carroll, Inspector			4	6 8					
May 27.	Ditto	Alexander Strathie, ditto			12	18 1	24	6 8	1	2 2	
July 7.											
1852.	King's Cove	James Stewart, Chairman	33	19 3	2	12 0					
April 27.	Ditto	Ditto do.			5	4 0					
May 26.	Ditto	Ditto do.			2	12 0					
Oct. 23.	Ditto	Michael Carroll, Inspector			6	18 8					
Oct. 25.	Ditto	James Stewart, Chairman			3	13 8					
Decr. 17.	Ditto	Ditto do.			1	14 8	22	15 0	11	4 3	
1852.	Burin	W. Butler, Sur. & Inspector									
May 25.	Ditto	E. Morris, Chairman	69	7 6	20	0 0					
July 2.	Ditto	Ditto do.			20	0 0					
Nov. 4.	Ditto	W. Butler, Sur. & Inspector			10	18 9					
1852.	Fogo	Jas. Fitzgerald, Chairman, Inspector, Secretary, stationery	38	10 11	10	18 9	61	17 6	7	10 0	
June 4.					34	13 9	34	13 9	3	17 2	
1852.	Trinity Bay, N. Side	Wm. Stoneman, Chairman	51	16 0	22	18 3					This sum of £22 18s. 3d. stg. accounted for in the former return.
June 8.	Ditto	Ditto			4	13 0					
Dec. 6.	Ditto	Ditto, for self and Insp.			24	4 7	51	15 10	0	0 2	
1852.	Brigus	John Murphy, Inspector	80	13 7	8	13 4					The sum of £8 13s. 4d. stg. accounted for in the former return.
July 17.	Ditto	Joshua Green, ditto			4	1 9					
" 27.	Ditto	John Murphy, ditto			2	0 1					
Jan. 19.	Ditto	Joshua Green, ditto			16	0 8					
" 20	Ditto	J. Leamon, Chairman			26	1 1					
1853.	Ditto	Ditto ditto			1	12 4					
Jan. 3.	Ditto	Ditto ditto			8	6 7					
" 5.	Ditto	John Murphy, Inspector			1	12 4					
" 8.	Ditto	Ditto ditto			1	8 5	69	16 7	10	17 0	
Dec. 8.	Lower Island Cove	J. Collins, Chairman & Insp.	38	0 7			38	0 7			
1853.	Hants Harbor to Head of the Bay.	Richard Ollerhead, Chairman	12	0 6	3	9 4					The sum of £3 9s. 4d. stg. accounted for in the former return.
Feb. 4.		Jas. Quinty, Inspector			5	8 9	8	18 1	3	2 5	
" 3.	Trinity Bay, South	Stephen March, Chairman	11	2 0			11	2 0			
1853.	Twillingate		23	2 6					23	2 6	
1852.	Burnt Islands	Matthew Dalton, Inspector	7	14 1	3	17 0					This sum of £2 stg. accounted for in the former returns.
Nov. 12.	Exploits	Ed. Downton, Chairman			3	17 1	7	14 1	17	7 1	
" 6.	Greenspond	J. T. Okely, Inspector	22	7 1			5	0 0			
Dec. 20.	Ferryland	Robert Evans, Inspector	74	0 0	2	0 0					
	Ditto	Matthew Morry, Chairman			26	0 0					
	Ditto	M. Morry, jr., Inspector			24	0 0	52	0 0	22	0 0	
Nov. 4.	Fortune Bay	J. Cluett, Bell-oram district, } Chairman	46	5 0			24	19 6	21	5 6	
	Placentia & St. Mary's		5	2 9					5	2 9	
	Western Shore.								23	2 6	
	Salvage		23	2 6					5	3 10	
	St. John's Board		5	3 10							
		Supervisor-General	406	9 10	406	9 10	406	9 10			
			92	12 6			92	12 6			

Whole amt. of contingencies granted under Act 14th Vic., £1235 0 0 £1080 2 8 154 17 4

JOSEPH NOAD, Supervisor.

14th March, 1853.

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CONTINGENCIES.—STATEMENT SHEWING THE CONTINGENCIES ARISING UNDER THE ACT 14TH VICTORIA, CAP. 2, SEC. 2 AND 3.

Board of Road Commissioners Expend'g grant	Road or service for which grant was made.	Amt. of grant in session of 1851	Allowance for contingencies.	To whom payments have been made.	Balances due.	Remarks.
St. John's Board.	Ship Harbor, or Long Harbor.	£1000 Less £100—allowance for contingencies.	£100	St. John's Board, £185.		Allowance—9½ per cent.
Ditto	Levelling & draining streets and fire-breaks in St. John's.	£1000	£100	Supervisor-General, £9 7s. 6d.	£5 12s. 6d.	Allowance—3-4 per cent.

JOSEPH NOAD,
Supervisor.

14th. March, 1853.

ABSTRACT STATEMENT

Of monies expended, on the Governor's responsibility, in making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges in the various districts throughout the Island, and in employing the able-bodied poor during the year 1852, and up to the 10th day of January 1853.

SAINT JOHN'S.

Under direction of Central Road Board.

Shovelling snow in town and vicinity	£85	5	10
Repairing damage done by storm of 7th and 8th of March	99	4	11
On the road from Torbay to Pouch Cove	29	3	10
Repairing Job's bridge	45	18	5
Repairing Portugal Cove wharf	25	0	0
Repairing Portugal Cove road	6	5	2
On the road from Topsail to Portugal Cove	22	4	0
On the streets and drains in the town of St. John's	841	2	0
On Topsail road	11	9	10
On general repairs	98	5	5
On the road from Lance Cove to Belle Isle	10	0	0
		1273	19 5

CONCEPTION BAY.

On the road from Carbonear to Bay de Verds	330	2	2
On roads near Brigus	59	0	0
On roads in the undermentioned localities, Spaniard's Bay, Bishop's Cove, Island Cove, Bryant's Cove, Harbour Grace River Head, Mosquito—North and South Side	278	4	2
On road near Bay de Verds	6	13	4
On road near Holyrood, Harbour Main, Chappels Cove & Salmon Cove	32	10	0
On road near Port de Grave	49	16	7
	£756	6	3
		630	5 3

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TRINITY.

On the roads in the neighbourhood of Trinity	£74	0	11	
On the road in Trinity Bay west	48	0	0	
On the road at Old Perlican and neighbourhood	408	6	9	
On the road from Heart's Delight to Turk's Gut	51	12	0	
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	Cy.—	581	19	8 — 484 19 9

BONAVISTA.

On the road at Bonavista and vicinity	146	4	5	
On the road near Keels	9	0	0	
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		155	4	5 — 129 7 0

FOGO.

On the road near Lion's Den	25	8	6	
On the road at Change Islands	25	10	0	
On the road at Exploits Burnt Island	27	2	9	
On the road near Fogo	47	4	11	
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		125	6	2 — 104 10 2

BURIN.

On the roads generally throughout the district	167	16	6	— 139 17 1
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PLACENTIA AND SAINT MARY'S.

On the bridge in St. Mary's on the River Head and Point LaHayes road	79	9	8	
On the road from Salmonier to Placentia	199	1	11	
On the road at Harbour Beaufett	67	5	1	
On the road at Merasheen	10	12	8	
On the roads near Placentia	157	19	3	
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		514	8	7 — 428 13 10

FERRYLAND.

On roads leading from Aquaforte, Fermeuse, Renewse, Cape Broyle, Brigus and Caplin Bay	60	0	0	
On roads between Bay Bulls, Mobile, & Witless Bay	82	15	0	
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		142	15	0 — 118 19 2
				Stg. £3,310 11 8

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REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ROAD BOARD FOR 1852.

In presenting their second Report for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Commissioners regret that they have not accomplished all that they could have desired, which would have been more gratifying than bringing under review that which, under their supervision, has been actually performed.

This, however, is incidental to the fact that no Legislative grant for roads was given for the past year, and therefore the duties of the Commissioners were more particularly restricted to expend the residue of former grants, and the completion of unfinished contracts.

It is true that upon an application of the Commissioners being made to the Administrator of the Government, setting forth the impassable state of the Roads and Bridges, various sums were placed under their direction, for the purpose of effecting repairs on Roads and Bridges within their jurisdiction, and which have been applied, in the judgment of the Commissioners, for the benefit of the public.

Bearing in mind the foregoing remarks, it will be quite evident, that with the very limited means under the controul of the Board, the repairs which have been made on the roads within this district during the past year were partial and temporary rather than permanent, and calculated to make them passable for the time being only, whilst they have been gradually wearing down and becoming worse every year; and perhaps in no season since the establishment of the local Legislature, have the roads been damaged to the same extent as during the past winter.

The constant transition of the weather from intense frost to rapid thaws, saturated and softened the roads to such an extent that they offered but slight resistance to the action of wheeled vehicles, and have consequently been cut into deep holes and ruts, especially on the levels, whilst the gravel on the sideling or lateral parts has been washed off to the foundation of the roads,—and considerable means will be requisite to repair the damage occasioned by the extremes of the weather.

In addition to the ordinary road work, the Board undertook the supervision of the expenditure of considerable sums of money allocated by the Government for the relief of the labouring poor,—the benefits derived are, to a great extent, confined to the immediate vicinity of the applicants requiring relief; all things considered, particularly the season of the year, even this labour has not been unproductive of good, seeing that in many instances permanent improvements have been made. In the town, particularly, extensive improvements have been effected by the employment of the labouring but destitute poor, and improvements quite as beneficial have been made in other parts of the District.

Extensive improvements in all parts of the city have been commenced and pushed forward to the utmost extent of the means at the disposal of the Board. Several streets have been remodelled, brought into proper form, and fitted for the reception of a final coating of suitable road material.

In the rear of the safety wall at McBride's Hill, a deep cut has been made on the South-side of Duckworth-street, extending to the Bridge at Beck's Cove, by which a dead level has been obtained where before a steep hill was; and when the work shall be extended to the full width of the street on the North-side, it will be one of the greatest recent improvements within the limits of the town. A vast quantity of road material was obtained in lowering

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this hill, which was carted to other streets requiring repairs, and thus a double benefit has been derived to the public.

An excellent public sewer has been built in Warren's Cove, which crosses Water Street and enters Adelaide Street; when this drain shall have been continued to the upper part of said street, it will confer incalculable good on the whole of that neighbourhood, by taking up the small drains which ramify in every direction from the top part of this street. Adelaide Street has also been partially forwarded.

The King's Road has been widened, remodelled, and reduced to an easy inclination, and is one of the finest outlets to the country in the Eastern section of the town.

Gower Street, too, particularly that part situate between the King's Road and the Government Bake-house, has been vastly improved; the high parts have been reduced, the hollows filled, and the whole inclinations made easy and commodious; the surplus material has been applied to the repairs of other streets and lanes, all of which are of a permanent character.

The great depression in Duckworth-street, between Cochrane Street and Fort William, has been filled in, widened, and levelled, and when finished, the accommodation will be felt in the whole eastern division of the city.

The old Court-house lane has been widened to the full extent of the government boundary, and rendered of easy inclination: the improvement, however, cannot be made available to the public, until the upper part shall have been thrown open and made. This desirable object can only be obtained by purchase or other arrangement with the Lord Bishop and Churchwardens of the Cathedral Church of St. John, who, I believe, are quite ready to treat for it on equitable terms.

Many of the main drains which cross Water-street to the harbor, had to be opened, cleared, repaired, and re-covered. Several have been re-constructed and enlarged, at much cost and trouble; and not a few were taken up twice in little more than one month. This is mainly owing to the physical nature of the ground on which the town is built; the surrounding ground is high, the streamlets shallow and rapid, and often liable to rain floods, which cram the drains with all sorts of matter, overflow and damage the streets. This has been of frequent occurrence in the course of the past year, and during the winter.

It would be superfluous to specify the various and important improvements which have been made during the last eight months, especially within the city; they are patent to every one, even the least observant. To specify a few will suffice to shew the general scope and tendency of the whole:

The erection of a retaining wall, with suitable parapet and railing, has rendered McBride's hill both safe and commodious.

Church-hill, which heretofore was almost impassable, and very unsightly, is now a fine open area, of great extent, and being in the very centre of the city, will, when finished, beautify the town.

A stone breastwork has been built in Market-square cove, and the open space between the harbor and Water-street vastly improved, which will add to the cleanliness and comfort of this locality.

STATEMENT

OF ROAD GRANTS UNDER ACT VIC. 14TH., CAP. 2, IN THE DISTRICT OF ST. JOHN'S, AND THE SUMS EXPENDED THEREUPON,
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CENTRAL ROAD BOARD, UP TO THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1853; AND AN ESTIMATE OF
THE COST FOR FINISHING THE ROADS.

	Amount of Grant in currency.	Amt. of contracts entered into.	Amounts paid in 1851.	Amounts paid in 1852.	Balance payable when Contracts completed.	Balance of Grant unappropriated.	Estimated cost of finishing.
	£						
The Governor's Road	£209 13 10	Full amount	£109 11 6	£58 10 0	102 12 4	Nil	100 0 0
Road leading to the farms of Bulger and others	20 15 4	Ditto	Nil.	20 12 3	0 3 1	Do.	20 0 0
Ditto ditto fishing rooms of Martin Whitty, North-side of Torbay	20 15 4	Ditto	6 10 0	14 5 4	Nil.	Do.	15 0 0
Ditto by Murphy's gate, south-side of Torbay	31 3 0	Ditto	Nil.	29 14 9	1 8 3	Do.	20 0 0
Ditto by Torbay Main Road to Tapper's Cove	31 3 0	Nil	Nil.	Nil	Nil.	31 3 0	50 0 0
Ledge Road leading to Flat Rock	10 7 8	Full amount	7 0 0	3 7 8	Nil.	Nil	5 0 0
Branch Road leading from Middle Cove to Torbay	25 19 3	Ditto	Nil.	6 0 0	19 19 3	do	25 0 0
Ditto ditto McGrath and others	20 15 4	Ditto	Nil.	9 15 0	11 0 4	do	20 0 0
Ditto ditto Flat Rock Main Road to Dee's fishing room	20 15 4	Ditto	Nil.	11 0 0	9 15 4	do	5 0 0
Branch Road leading from Torbay to Middle Cove by Freshwater	31 3 0	Ditto	8 0 0	15 3 3	7 19 9	do	60 0 0
Ditto in Western part of Outer Cove towards the farms of Brine and others	20 15 4	Ditto	18 0 4	Nil	2 15 0	do	15 0 0
Branch road leading to farms of Martin McGuire and others	15 11 6	Ditto	Nil.	15 11 6	Nil.	do	35 0 0
Ditto ditto from Logy Bay road southward of Forest Pond Bridge	15 11 6	Ditto	Nil.	13 10 0	2 1 6	do	10 0 0
Branch road leading from Logy Bay road to Richard Ryan's room	20 15 4	Ditto	4 10 0	10 0 8	6 4 8	do	10 0 0
Bridges on Winter Path road running North of Island Pond	15 11 6	Ditto	Nil.	13 15 0	1 16 6	do	20 0 0
Branch road leading from Middle Cove towards Pine river	20 15 4	Ditto	Nil.	13 0 0	7 15 4	do	5 0 0
Ditto and wharf east side of Belle Isle	31 3 0	Ditto	Nil.	31 3 0	Nil.	do	50 0 0
Ditto from Portugal Cove towards Newfound Pond and Major path	20 15 4	Ditto	Nil.	18 0 0	2 15 4	do	80 0 0
Ditto ditto to Topsail	103 16 11	Ditto	75 14 0	26 18 6	1 4 5	do	275 0 0
Ditto Portugal Cove road near Coady's well towards Broad Cove	31 3 0	Ditto	15 0 0	12 14 10	3 8 2	do	100 0 0
Repairs of Pringle's Bridge	33 4 7	Ditto	33 4 7	Nil	Nil.	do	10 0 0
Bridge and drains on road from Blackhead to St. John's	51 18 5	Ditto	12 10 0	39 8 5	Nil.	do	300 0 0
Road leading from Petty Harbor main road through Maddox Cove	62 6 1	Ditto	31 10 0	20 16 8	9 19 5	do	80 0 0
Road leading from Petty Harbour to the Goulds commencing near Cove's house	311 10 9	Ditto	145 15 5	150 2 6	15 12 10	do	600 0 0
Road leading from Michael Kelly's house towards Pridham's	20 15 4	Ditto	Nil.	13 15 4	7 0 0	do	50 0 0
Ditto from Petty Harbour to St. John's	103 16 11	Ditto	88 9 3	4 19 0	10 8 8	do	150 0 0
Ditto from Thomas's farm to Whiteway's	31 3 0	Ditto	23 0 0	5 5 0	0 18 0	do	90 0 0
Ditto from Bay Bulls road to Petty Harbor by Griffin's	41 10 9	Ditto	15 0 0	25 6 0	1 4 0	do	90 0 0
Ditto Bay Bulls road through Pearltown towards Placentia, west of Sweeney's Marsh	20 15 4	Ditto	17 0 0	3 15 4	Nil.	do	180 0 0
Road leading from Waterford Bridge to Dunscomb's Bridge	36 6 11	Ditto	Nil.	36 6 11	Nil.	do	120 0 0
Ditto Pokeham Path road into Monday's Pond and George's Pond roads... ..	31 3 0	Ditto	26 0 6	4 0 0	1 2 6	do	50 0 0
Road leading from Monday's Pond by Branscomb's Hill to Topsail road.	41 10 9	Ditto	Nil.	40 8 0	1 2 9	do	180 0 0
Pennywell-path and Soldier's Path road, beginning at Cow Knap	25 19 3	Ditto	24 15 0	Nil	1 4 3	do	80 0 0
Road leading from Freshwater towards Topsail road	25 19 3	Ditto	24 6 0	Nil	1 13 3	do	90 0 0
Roads and Bridges from Apple-tree Well to Monday's Pond, &c.	25 19 3	Ditto	24 1 6	Nil	1 17 9	do	80 0 0
Ditto, from Outer Cove beach towards Richard Fox and others	25 19 3	Ditto	15 10 0	9 0 0	1 9 3	do	45 0 0
Wigmore gully road from Freshwater, westerly	15 11 6	Ditto	Nil.	14 9 3	1 2 3	do	35 0 0
Freshwater roads and bridges	20 15 4	Ditto	14 10 0	Nil	6 5 4	do	50 0 0
Road leading from Old Bay Bulls road through Quinn's farm	25 19 3	Ditto	Nil.	23 5 4	2 13 11	do	35 0 0
Portugal Cove roads and bridges	145 7 8	Ditto	129 17 0	11 7 2	4 3 6	do	400 0 0
Queen's bridge angle to Torbay	51 18 5	Ditto	48 3 4	3 9 0	0 6 0	do	200 0 0
Logy Bay, Outer Cove, to Bally Haley	31 3 0	Ditto	26 9 0	Nil	4 14 0	do	80 0 0
St. John's to Topsail	83 1 6	Ditto	81 6 10	1 14 8	Nil.	do	300 0 0
Bay Bulls road from St. John's to the Goulds	77 17 8	Ditto	35 4 3	40 1 1	2 12 4	do	200 0 0
Road leading to the fishing-rooms in Outer Cove or Logy Bay	3 2 4	Ditto	2 14 0	Nil	0 8 4	do	5 0 0
Road from Torbay road to the N.W. part of Scanlan's farm.	15 11 6	Ditto	14 0 0	Nil	1 11 6	do	100 0 0
Holyrood to Salmonier	230 15 4	Ditto	228 7 6	314 15 3	287 12 7	do	500 0 0
Salmonier to Placentia	1073 1 7	Ditto	890 6 10	172 9 2	9 14 5	do	3200 6 0
Ship Harbor road	1153 16 11	Ditto	128 5 2	885 11 3	140 0 7	do	3200 0 0
St. John's streets and drains	1153 16 11	Ditto	1025 10 6	83 12 1	39 9 4	do	2500 0 0
Horse Cove road to Topsail	51 18 5	Ditto	39 10 9	Nil	12 7 8	do	100 0 0
Salmonier to St. Mary's.....	415 7 5	Ditto	410 9 4	2 10 0	2 8 1	do	1500 0 0
Road from Branch to Distress	115 7 8	Ditto	Nil.	66 8 1	48 19 7	do	200 0 0

JAMES DOUGLAS,
Chairman of Central Road Board.

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Other improvements, not less important, have been, and are being made in every locality within the precincts of the town, so that the whole will, in a very short time, have quite an altered appearance.

Subjoined is a Report of the Surveyor and Inspectors of the Road Board, by a reference to which will be seen the amount expended on the roads respectively, as also a description of the nature and extent of the work performed, which, the Commissioners submit, bears evidence to the fact that an adequate return in labor has been given for the money expended.

JAMES DOUGLAS,
Chairman Central Road Board.

A REPORT OF WORK PERFORMED IN 1852, ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS.

Road from Holyrood to Salmonier.

On this road there were 42 contracts let, of which there are 778 perches of gravelling nearly finished; 440 perches of levelling; 121 perches of draining, and 51 perches of widening nearly completed; and 30 cross-drains repaired. The road is now safe for cattle; and wheel vehicles with light loads can be used.

Road from Salmonier to Placentia.

On this road there are 480 perches of drains made, and 282 perches opened. At the S.E. of Placentia there are 228 perches that has been partly opened, levelled and drained, and partially gravelled.

From the head of the south-east to Placentia is now opened, and safe for cattle.

Road from Distress to Branch.

There are 498 perches on this road levelled and drained and partially gravelled, about 90 perches of which has been opened.

There are several miles of marshes on this line yet undrained.

Ship Harbor Road.

This line, from the Goulds to Long Harbour, has been re-surveyed and altered in several parts and much improved. From what I have learned, I believe there are about 12 miles of the improved parts opened, and about 5 miles partially drained and levelled.

Road from St. John's to Blackhead.

There are 203 perches of drains made on this road, and 9 small Bridges built, and 200 perches opened and cleared of woods.

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Road from the Torbay Main Road to Martin McGuire's and other farms.

There are 40 perches of this road made and gravelled, the hills lowered, and hollows raised from 6 to 30 inches, and 159 perches of fences removed.

Winter Road running North of Island Pond.

There are 3 considerable Bridges built on this road over the Brook next to and North of the inhabitants who are on the Major's Path Road.

Breakwater at Little Placentia.

Perhaps it may be desirable to report on this Breakwater which is 129 feet long, from 12 to 14 feet wide, and 15 feet high at the end. Besides this there is a Stage at one side of the Gut which leads into Little Placentia harbour, made solid for the purpose of forcing the current more in the centre of the Gut. This stage is 83 feet long by 20 feet wide and 12 feet high at the deepest part. If the head of this stage were extended some 20 or 30 feet, it would make the current in the Gut stronger, force it nearer to the head of the Beach, which would prevent it getting closer to the Stage and make the water deeper in the Gut.

THOMAS BYRNE,
Road Surveyor.

St. JOHN'S, 30th March, 1853.

SIR,—We beg to report the progress of the Road works under our superintendence for the past year.

Governor's Road.—£58 10 0 has been expended in making, draining, and levelling the worst parts and in making drains. A large bridge has also been built. All the contracts entered into have been completed, as well as those of the preceding year, with the exception of three on the Burnt Ridge. Many parts of this road are yet in a very poor condition which must be a source of great inconvenience to the inhabitants of Portugal Cove, Torbay, and the other adjacent settlements, it being the only neighbourhood where they can procure good timber.

Road leading from Bulger's and others, north-side of Torbay.—The sum of £20 12s. 3d. has been expended in making, levelling, and draining the parts that were impracticable; what has been done has been of great utility in enabling those persons who have farms there to have access to them by carts.

On the Road leading from John Murphy's gate the sum of £29 14s. 9d. has been expended; as this road leads through many farms, the sum expended, although comparatively small, has been productive of much good.

Sledge Road leading from Flatrock.—£3 7 8 in widening, levelling, &c: it could not be expected that much good would result from this small sum.

Road to McGrath's and others—£3 0 0 has been expended for similar work to the last: it must be quite evident to the Board that such small sums can be of little service upon roads that have never had a shilling expended on them.

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Road leading from Torbay to Middle Cove by Freshwater.—The sum of £15 3s. 3d. has been expended in making the worst parts, and rendering the road as useful as possible for that sum. It would take £50 to make it thoroughly passable for carts.

Road to the farm of Martin McGaire and others.—This sum has been expended in improving and making some of the worst parts, and removing obstructions. The amount allotted was £15 10s. 0.

Road from Logy Bay road southward of Forest Pond Bridge.—£13 10s. 0d. have been expended in making, levelling, and draining, and although little has been done, owing to the smallness of the sum, yet it has proved beneficial.

Bridges on the Winter path road running northward of Island Pond.—£13 15s. 0d. has been expended in the erection of small bridges, which has enabled the inhabitants to cross the Brooks the past winter without danger.

Road from Logy Bay road to Richard Ryan's room.—£10 0s. 0d. has been expended in making the approach to the fishing room easy, which was almost inaccessible before.

Branch Road, east side of Belle Isle—£31 3s. 0d. have been expended in making, draining and bridging. A retaining wall has also been built. What is done has been of great benefit to the settlement, as it gives them an easy access to their land by carts which they could not attempt before, it being so precipitous. A continuation of this road would tend greatly to increase their agricultural pursuits.

Road from Portugal Cove road towards Topsail.—Upon this highly useful and now valuable road the sum of £28 11s. 0d. has only been expended on it the past year. It is to be regretted that a sufficient sum to complete it was not available. It may fairly be stated that by this outlet nearly all the good timber is hauled out to the Topsail Road for St. John's, as along the whole of this line from the Topsail road to Broad Cove abounds in the best of wood suitable for St. John's market. If this road were thoroughly made, there would be no dearth of timber during the winter and summer seasons, and will afford an abundant supply for some years.

Portugal Cove Road, near Coady's Well, towards Broad Cove.—£12 14s. 10d. has been expended, and much good has resulted therefrom. All the contracts entered into have been completed, but one.

Bridges and Drains on the road from Blackhead to St. John's, £39 8s. 5d.—This amount has been expended in draining, and in the erection of bridges and cross drains, due care having been had to have the most dangerous brooks and drains first accomplished.

Road leading from Petty Harbour through Maddocks Cove.—£20 16s. 8d. has been expended. The inhabitants of Maddocks Cove have received great benefit from this small sum—

Road from Petty Harbour to the Goolds, commencing near Cove's house.—£121 2s. 6d. has been expended. There are some of the contracts yet unfinished. It would be superfluous in this brief Report to make allusion to the advantages of this road, they are so familiar to the Board.

Road from Michael Kreley's towards Pridham's premises.—£13 15s. 4d. has been expended.

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Road from Petty Harbor to St. John's.—£4 19s. were only available from the road grant for last year. It has been expended judiciously. This road is in a very defective condition.

Road from Thomas's farm towards Whiteway's.—£5 5s. have been expended in repairing ruts, holes, &c., as well as the bad swamps; indeed it would require a much larger sum to be of any benefit.

Road from Bay Bulls road through Pearl Town, towards Placentia road, west of Sweeny's marsh.—£3 15s. 4d. has been expended much in the same way as the last sum.

Road from Waterford Bridge to Dunscomb's bridge.—£35 has been expended in the erection of a large bridge; as the whole sum was absorbed in the bridge, the road was not touched.

Road from Pokeham-path to Monday's pond and George's pond.—£4 has been expended in repairing.

The road leading from Monday's Pond by Branscombe's hill to the Topsail road.—£48 8s. The whole of this amount has been contracted for and finished, and the communication fairly opened out to the Topsail road.

Road from Outer Cove towards Richard Fox and others.—£9 has been expended in incidental repairs.

Wigmore's gulley road towards Fresh-water.—£14 19s. 3d. This amount has been contracted for, and nearly completed.

Road leading from Bay Bulls road through Quinn's farm.—£22 5s. 4d. This amount has been contracted for; part of the work is yet unfinished.

Portugal Cove road and bridges.—The sum of £11 7s. 2d. has been expended. It must be evident to the Board that little benefit could be effected on the road with that small sum. It was not sufficient to patch the cross drains, many of which, as well as the roads, are in most dangerous condition. A large sum will be required this year to put it into an efficient state.

Queen's Bridge to Torbay road, £3 9s. 0d. This road is in a similar condition to the Portugal Cove road, with many parts and cross drains in a dilapidated state. The Topsail is in the same category, £1 14s. 0d. being all that was available from the road grant last year. Were it not for the sums appropriated under the sanction of the Executive by the Board last year on these roads, the communication would be stopped altogether. A large and substantial bridge has lately been built near Denis Walsh's.

The various sums placed under the control of the Board by the Executive in the employment of the Poor in the Outports, viz. : Torbay, Flatrock, Pouch Cove, Middle Cove, Logy Bay, Outer Cove, Portugal Cove and Broad Cove; the work was doled out in lots at from 20s. to 40s. according to the number of each family; a great deal of useful work has been accomplished by this mode of employment, at a very low rate. The work comprised opening levelling, draining, and drains and bridges; indeed whatever description of work was most needed was adopted. At Portugal Cove all the precipitous places between the Episcopal Church and Western Point have been railed in. The public Wharf has also been thoroughly repaired.

JAMES DOUGLAS, Esq.

EDWARD TOBIN,
JOHN DELANEY.

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**EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CENTRAL ROAD BOARD
WITH REFERENCE TO THE SHIP HARBOUR LINE OF ROAD.**

SAINT JOHN'S, March 23, 1853.

SIR.—I have received, and laid before the Central Road Board your letter of the 16th Instant, enclosing extract of an address to the House of Assembly for “ a return of the monies expended on the Ship Harbor Road in the past year—the mode of expenditure, whether by contracts or day's work, if the latter, giving the reason why the Law was thus violated—as well as the reason why some one or the other of the duly appointed Inspectors or Surveyors of the Road was not employed to superintend the execution of the work on the said road.”

In answer to the queries contained in the Address of the House of Assembly, I am directed by the Commissioners to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency, that the sum of £785 11s. 3d. currency has been expended upon the Ship Harbor Road during the past year—that the largest portion was expended in exploring and perfecting a preliminary survey, a proceeding which was indispensable, and was rendered necessary by the express provisions of the Act Vic. 11, Cap. 2.

His Excellency will please to observe by reference to the said Act, that the Commissioners are not restricted to the contract system in the accomplishment of such work; they therefore most respectfully submit that they are not chargeable with any violation of the Law.

I am further instructed to acquaint you, that prior to the commencement of the survey on the Ship Harbour Line of Road, numerous applications were made by persons residing at Cats Cove and Brigus, and the adjoining settlements, and subsequently from Placentia Bay, for employment, which application was sanctioned and recommended by the Executive; and the Board, in order to satisfy themselves as to the actual want of such applicants, communicated with the resident Magistrate at Brigus who confirmed previous information, which satisfied the Board as to the absolute necessity of affording labour for the prompt relief of the destitute poor in that section of the district of Conception Bay.

The Commissioners gave directions to Mr. Byrne, their Surveyor, to proceed round the head of Conception Bay and enquire into the condition of the people in the different settlements as he went along, and to employ the most needy on the Ship Harbor Road. Neither the allotment system, nor the still slower process of the contract system, was calculated to meet the pressing wants of those who sought relief, and who required support day by day for themselves and their families.

The Commissioners adopted this mode of affording relief, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and viewing the Road Grant as connected with the relief of the poor, but able-bodied labourers, they were willing to make use of the one as auxiliary to the other.

It is inferred in the Address of the Assembly that no Superintending Officer belonging to the Board was employed on the Ship Harbor Road; but this is a misapprehension. The work at its commencement was wholly confided to the Surveyor of the Board; that officer however being actively employed in perfecting the survey which required all his time and attention, and often far apart from the men, who were engaged in opening and marking the Road, it was impossible that he could undertake a superintendence of the work; the Commissioners therefore were reduced to the alternative of allowing the labourers to be employed without any superintendence, or to appoint Mr. Cozens (the authorised Inspector of

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the Board being unavoidably employed in other parts of the country)—Mr. Cozens being practically acquainted with the work confided to his care, and the Board having received from him useful information in reference to this important line of road, they felt that no one could be employed as a Superintendent on that Road with so much advantage to the public.

For further information I herewith enclose extracts from the Minutes of the Board, which will show the manner in which the work on the road referred to has been performed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES DOUGLAS,

Chairman Central Road Board.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, Secretary, &c., &c.,

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CENTRAL
ROAD BOARD, WITH REFERENCE TO THE SHIP HARBOUR
LINE OF ROAD.

St. JOHN'S, October 20, 1851.

Resolved,—That as there may not be an opportunity of communicating with Mr. Byrne for some time whilst engaged on the Ship Harbor Line, he be informed that if in opening the said Line, and especially in blazing those parts of the Line which will be required to be altered, and in removing the windfalls the whole distance, he shall require further assistance to get through the work before the snow comes—he be authorised to employ labourers at a sum not exceeding 2s. 6d., a day, and that he be informed that the people of Brigus have been represented to be in urgent want of support and of work, and that he will, in opening the Ship Harbor Road, especially in clearing away those parts where an alteration is proposed to be made, bear in mind the double advantage of employing those people who are thus in distress, and obtaining the labour cheap.

AUGUST 3, 1852.

Resolved,—That the Commissioners having thoroughly considered all points connected with the several Surveys of the Ship Harbor Road, the evidence of Mr. Gisborne and others, and having examined a plan of a new Line recommended by Mr. Byrne, now laid before them, and also the plan, proposed by Mr. Page, of the old Line, are of opinion that the advantages of adopting a new Line would not be commensurate with the loss and expense of abandoning the Line already surveyed, bridged, and partly opened; and that the interests of the public generally, and the convenience of the traveller will be best consulted by adhering to the old Line, making those necessary alterations on that Line of which it is susceptible for its improvements, especially the new opening from Emberley's Gulley; and that their original instructions given to their Surveyor, Mr. Byrne, under date the 3rd day of September last, be strictly adhered to.

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Resolved,—That Charles Cozens, Esq., has rendered valuable services in improving the Ship Harbour Road between Emberley's Gulley and the Brigus Branch, and that it is desirable that he should be again employed to superintend the improvements and the workmen about to be employed from Emberley's Gulley to Monument Hill, and that the Chairman do, and is now hereby authorised, so to employ him, and that any necessary expense as such Superintendent shall be paid out of the grant for that Road.

June 21.

Resolved,—That Mr. Cozens be authorised to employ a few men, not exceeding 20 in number, until he receives further orders from this Board, in opening the improvements marked from the Goulds towards Long Harbour, or the improvements sanctioned by the two Surveyors, and that Mr. Cozens be directed to test the cheapest way of opening the Road, by giving contracts, by way of allotment, and by employing the men by daily labour, and that he report to this Board the result thereof.

July 13th.

Resolved,—That Mr. Cozens be directed to report to this Board, by return of Packet, the number of men he has up to the present time employed, the rate of wages per day, and the rate by allotment—to give the names of the men so employed, and to report what course he thinks will be the most economical and convenient for employing the men for the future, and that he be informed, on sending the usual certificates of the work being performed and the amount of the same, it will be paid for to his order.

August 22.

Resolved,—That Mr. Cozens report forthwith to the Board the extent of the work done upon the Branch Line of the Ship Harbor Road under his direction, and that he specify the distance from Brigus towards Ship Harbor on which a horse can conveniently travel, and that he also state, at what expense per mile such Road has been made under his superintendence. Mr. Cozens is also requested to state whether the period of the season may not render the allotment system now more economical than day's labor.

August 30.

Resolved,—That Mr. Cozens do inform this Board when he can employ persons to labor on the Placentia side of the Ship Harbor Road, as application has been made by poor people residing there for employment.

EXTRACT FROM A REPORT OF CHARLES COZENS, ESQ., DATED AUGUST 7th 1852.

I beg to state that I am fully confident from experience and former experiments I have made, that the allotment system is not more economical than day's labour, and the former would cost more per mile. The way I have them arranged, the men work well—they cannot well do otherwise. The days are yet long and will be for some time—when they get shorter, I think it will be well to try the allotment system, especially if we should then only clear for a slide path, as before stated, for they could not easily cheat or deceive in that kind of work. I have always found the work much better done by day labour if properly attended to.

M. W. WALBANK,
Secretary C. R. Board.

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**REPORT OF THOMAS BYRNE, ROAD SURVEYOR, ON CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR
WORK DONE ON THE COLINET ROAD.**

St. John's, April 25th, 1853.

SIR,—Agreeably to your instructions, I proceeded on the 14th inst. to Placentia via Collinet, to survey the bridge built by John Rielly, and reported upon certain work done on the Collinet line of road by Peter Walsh, Robert Fitzpatrick, Stephen Miller, Patrick Croker, John Collins, James Barron, Michael Hartigan, John Lamb, John Blanche, James Kelly, Wm. Collins, Thomas Blanch, Richard Wise, Thomas Hanrick, John Doyle, and James Doyle—and the several amounts which these parties are respectively entitled to receive for such work. I beg leave to observe that previous to leaving St. John's, I received a letter from Mr. Hogsett to John Rielley (constable at Placentia) who was contractor for the bridge referred to, for the purpose of giving notice to all the other parties interested, to meet me on the road, and that on my arrival at Placentia on Saturday night I handed him the letter, and gave him to understand that I would early (at 5 o'clock) on Monday morning proceed to examine the work, and wished the parties interested to meet me on the road, to make me acquainted with their respective claims. Before I left Placentia Mr. Rielley told me he saw the greater part of them and made them acquainted with my desire. I saw several of them, to whom I stated that I came there to report on their respective claims, some of whom promised to come with me. I remained at the head of the S.E. arm until 7 o'clock, and only two of the parties came to point out their work. After examining James Kelly's work (one of the parties who came) I found that if the work were completed, he would, by his own shewing, be entitled to six pence. There is only a small part of the work fairly done; the remainder is not fit to be passed; this person stated he was not certain how much he had been paid on his contract. On examining John Lamb's contract (the other person who accompanied me) I found about 52 perches of draining fairly done; the remainder is not so. I find that this person and his partner have received £7. When leaving Placentia last fall this person pointed out the work to me, and by his own account, there would be 10s. due to him, provided the contract would have been finished. Mr. Delaney stated that Lamb told him he would never do any more on the contract, and on this account he settled with him in presence of others, to pay him and partner the sum of £7, in full for the work done. My estimate for the work performed is £7 6s. 10d. I requested John Rielley to come to the site of the bridge which he had built, and which had been carried away some time after, so that he might point out to me how he had built it, but he refused to come, as I would not promise to give an order for the amount claimed, which, of course I was not empowered to do. Having learned from Mr. Delaney that on examining the bridge, he wrote to Rielly, condemnatory of the work, I asked him if he would produce the note, but he declined, saying he had it not at present. I regret that Mr. Rielley refused to show the letter that Mr. Delaney wrote him, because it would have given a clue as to the real state of the bridge before it was carried away; as the matter stands, I cannot offer an opinion.

In September last I examined Croke and Miller's contract, and estimated the work, letting them know the amount of my estimate, stating that they might have their choice, to take the amount which I would recommend the Board to pay, or to do the work similar to the other work on the road that had been approved of, and then they would be paid at the same rate; they preferred to take my estimate, the amount of which they received. After examining the other contracts alluded to, I found that the parties had been liberally dealt with, and beg leave to state that if I had given certificates to these parties to the amount which has been paid on the contracts, I would consider that I had erred in judgment in allowing so much.

I beg leave to submit, that on examining the respective contracts which are still in an unfinished state, it seemed to me that the best way to settle the claims alluded to would be to

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allow the contractors to finish their work as other similar work on the road has been done which has been approved of, and then to pay the amount of their respective contracts as had been originally agreed to.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) THOMAS BYRNE.

James Douglas, Esq.,
Chairman B.R.C., &c.

 EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE
 INTO THE NEWFOUNDLAND SAVINGS' BANK.

Committee-Room, 4th March, 1853.

EWEN STABB, Esq. Merchant.

Looking to the discount business at present done by the Savings' Bank, I think the interests of the Trade would be promoted by its extension to the keeping of Accounts Current ; this would involve no additional risk. It is not well that any one institution should have the control of the monetary affairs of the country, as is now possessed by the Bank of British North America, and in this view the future keeping of the monies of the Savings' Bank in a Government establishment would conserve the interests of the public ; no one individual should be concerned in the direction of both establishments, because of the necessity of keeping the confidential affairs of the one without the knowledge of the other. If the business be extended to the keeping of Accounts Current, the Savings' Bank should be kept in a central position in town. The Savings' Bank should have all the privileges of the Bank of British North America, with reference to the issue of Notes. I think, however, instead of doing business as it is done at present, the Savings' Bank should be simply a Bank for depositors, and that these monies should be transferred to another department, to be called the Colonial Bank, at a fixed rate of interest, by which latter the discount business should be done, and Accounts Current kept ; both departments might be under the same management.

EWEN STABB.

5th March, 1853.

EUGENIUS HARVEY, Esq., Merchant.

I am of opinion that, regarding the business at present done by the Savings' Bank, its operations might be safely extended by keeping current accounts with the Trade. Such a course

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would be of benefit to the mercantile public and the Bank. The accommodation which the Savings' Bank affords is of great importance to the Trade. It has been a wholesome check on the Bank of British North America; any curtailment of its operations would be injuriously felt. I think it desirable that its monies should be lodged in its own vaults, as the lodging of them in the Bank of British North America gives the latter an undue insight into the affairs of the other. I think it very objectionable, indeed, that the same directors should have any concern in the directory of both these Banks; and if mercantile men could be excluded from the directory, it would be desirable; to a limited extent, the Savings' Bank should have the power of issuing its own Notes, with the understanding, of course, that they should be always payable in cash on demand. If it kept current accounts with the trade, its place of business should be removed to a central part of the town.

E. HARVEY.

EDWARD MORRIS, Esq., Clerk of the Savings' Bank.

I keep all the accounts of the department. I have been ten years connected with the Savings' Bank. The amount of paper discounted by it during last year was £128,051 14s. 9d. The deposits on the 31st December, 1852, amounted to £79,909 5s. 2d., owned by 879 depositors; the average of deposits is about £90. Independently of the deposits, the amount of capital has increased by £10,031 3s. 3d., being the profits of its business since its establishment. The discounting of short time Bills, instead of long ones, has increased the gross amount of discounts very considerably within the last few years, giving greater facilities to the trade than the Bank could have afforded before under the long discount system, and greater security to the Institution. We did not make one fraction of bad debts during last year, and, indeed, since the establishment of the Bank, no loss of any consideration whatever, looking to the vast amount of business transacted, has been sustained by it. I am confident its operations might be extended with benefit to the Trade and the Bank, by allowing it to issue notes, and by keeping current accounts with the trade; I think it very desirable that the monies of the Bank should be deposited in vaults of its own, if it should issue notes, as otherwise they could not be kept in circulation. It is quite impossible to keep the present Treasury Notes in circulation, because all public accounts and all mercantile and other private accounts are kept with the Bank of British North America, to which office the Treasury Notes find their way almost as soon as issued, and cannot therefore remain in circulation to any amount of consideration, nor for any length of time. If the Savings' Bank were permitted to issue £20,000, for instance, in Treasury Notes, the profits on that amount would be of greater benefit to the Bank than on an equal amount of deposits, as interest would have to be paid on the latter to the extent of three per cent. We paid £2,132 1s. 4d., interest to depositors for last year. The deposits have increased for the last two months by £4054 5s. 5d. There has been always a greater amount of safe paper offered for discount than the Savings' Bank could transact, with the means at its disposal. If its business should be extended, it would be very desirable for the convenience of the Trade and those transacting business with it generally, that it should be removed to a more central part of the town. The amount of its expenses for last year was about £600. The present expenses of the institution are—

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Salary of Clerk.....	£ 225	0	0
“ of Cashier.....	100	0	0
“ of Committee of Superintendence.....	150	0	0
“ Office Keeper.....	10	0	0

Besides incidentals, Stationery, &c.

EDWARD MORRIS.

JOHN BOND, Esq., Merchant.

I am of opinion that the business of the Savings' Bank might be safely extended by keeping accounts current with the Trade ; of course with the usual checks adopted by the Bank of British North America. That would be an accommodation to the Trade. The Savings' Bank is of great importance to the Trade, and would be more so with additional means. There is a very fair field to extend its operations. I think it is not necessary to leave the monies of the Savings' Bank lodged in the Bank of British North America, as the possession of them affords the latter Bank an insight into the operations of the former, and the business of those dealing with it. Its monies ought, therefore, be placed in a separate place of deposit. It is not expedient that the Directors of one of these Institutions should have any concern in the other ; mercantile men, who are rivals in business with those who require accommodation from these Banks, should not, in my opinion, be Directors. The Savings' Bank should have power to issue its own notes, and enjoy all the privileges enjoyed by the Bank of British North America. The place where the Savings' Bank is at present kept is much out of the way of the business of the town ; and I think it desirable that, in the event of its extending its operations, a more central position should be provided for it.

JOHN BOND.

Committee-Room, March 8th, 1853.

JAMES J. ROGERSON, Esq., Merchant.

The opening of current accounts by the Savings' Bank with the Trade would be of great convenience to the latter, and increase the business of the Bank. It could be safely and profitably done. The accommodation afforded by the Bank is of very great importance to the Public. It counteracts any tightness in the money market, to a great degree, when created by the Bank of British North America curtailing discounts. The place of business of the Savings' Bank ought to be removed to a more central position in the town for the convenience of those who transact business with it. This ought to be done in any case, to induce small savings amongst the humbler classes. It would be desirable, when practicable, that the Savings' Bank should keep its monies under its own control. I think there ought to be

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Branch Banks connected with the Savings' Bank in all the principal outports, for the purpose of receiving deposits, as such a step would tend to produce habits of economy, and insure a beneficial reserve to depositors, which would be of great importance to the humbler classes in times of need. There is a great deal of money lying dead in many of our Out Harbours, which would be thus made available in extending our trade and developing the resources of the country. The Directory of the Savings' Bank should be distinct from that of any rival institution. If the Savings' Bank were permitted to circulate its own notes, such would be of benefit to its own interests, and enable it to afford greater accommodation to the public.

JAS. J. ROGERSON.

10th March, 1853.

THOMAS GLEN, Esq.

There should be a change in the constitution of the Savings' Bank, and its operations extended, consistent with a due regard to the safety of the deposits intrusted to its keeping. There being a Bank already established in this town, it is essentially necessary there should be another. If the Savings' Bank had not given the accommodation that it has done, although in a limited way, many parties would have been seriously injured in their business operations. I think, therefore, it is absolutely necessary for the protection and prosperity of the trade of the colony, that the Savings' Bank should be changed in its management and extended in its operations.

I do not think that a Bank should be expected to keep a large amount of Specie in its vaults, and when money becomes valuable, say from a large catch of seals or other cause, that parties should be accommodated then with money at the common rate of 6 per cent. I by no means think it should do so; let a Bank charge for discount whatever may be a reasonable per centage, but never, in my opinion, should a Bank be permitted (if by encouraging another establishment it can be prevented) when it pleases suddenly to give notice that it will not discount at all, particularly after permitting parties to believe by its own system of transacting business, that discounts would always be obtained for good and undoubted paper to a fair and reasonable amount; a Bank has a right to charge an increased per centage, according as money becomes more valuable, but it has also a duty to perform to the country, and not capriciously stop discounting altogether, unless under a pressure from very extreme causes.—The extension of the operations of the Savings' Bank will help materially to regulate these extremes, either in charging too much interest for money, or in refusing to discount at all, thereby giving more confidence to the trade generally in its mercantile operations. I would also say that the Savings' Bank would, in my opinion, act wisely by not allowing any paper to run over more than four months; those long-winded accommodations of nine and twelve months I do not approve of. I should approve of the opening of current accounts by the Savings' Bank with the trade. Such a course would tend to extend the operations of the Bank with safety by using ordinary precaution, and facilitate the business of the merchants: The Savings' Bank has already done a very great deal of service to the country, both by the accommodation it has afforded to the merchants, and the savings it has secured for the depositors. It is most objectionable that the same individuals should be connected with the direction of that Institution and the Bank of British North America; because they are necessarily rivals in business. The specie of the Savings Bank

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should not be deposited in the Bank of British North America, for the possession of it interferes with the circulation of our Treasury Notes; our Treasury Notes could be kept afloat if the specie of the Savings' Bank were kept in its own vaults to meet them. Any contraction of the accommodation afforded by the Savings' Bank would be very injurious to the Trade.

THOMAS GLEN.

EDWARD BOWRING, Esq., Merchant—

I am of opinion that the operations of the Savings' Bank have been very beneficial to the Trade. The opening of current accounts with the merchants would extend them. By no means do I think it for the interest of the trade that the directory of the Savings' Bank and the Bank of British North America should be vested in the hands of the same individuals. If it were possible, the directory of this Bank should be taken out of the hands of mercantile men, who are rivals in business with persons requiring accommodation; the monies of the Savings' Bank should be kept separate and distinct from those of the Bank of British North America, and in vaults of its own; by this means, circulation of the Treasury Notes could be sustained, as they possess as much of the public confidence as the notes of the Bank of British North America. As long as the Bank of British North America is the depository of all the public monies, the Treasury Notes will only circulate to a very limited extent; but remove them to the Savings' Bank, and this will insure a wider and surer circulation, which would be of benefit to the country, by increasing the currency. Before the Savings' Bank came into competition with the Bank of British North America, the latter had the power of regulating the rate of exchange in some degree; that Bank has availed of that power to the extent of reducing exchange in the spring of the year from 18 to 15 per cent. The affairs of the Savings' Bank should be kept distinct from those of all other Banks.

EDWARD BOWRING.

ROBERT ALSOP, Esq., Merchant—

I think the operations of the Savings' Bank are beneficial to the Trade, but they could be made safely more so, by opening current accounts, and limiting its discounts to three or four months' paper. If the Savings Bank contracted the accommodation given to the Trade at present, it would increase the monopoly of the currency virtually enjoyed by the Bank of British North America. The limited facilities afforded by the Savings' Bank have tended materially to induce the Bank of British North America to become more liberal in its operations. It is very objectionable that the Savings' Bank should deposit its specie with the other Bank; and to continue such a course would be more absurd, if an extension of its business be contemplated.—All the public monies should be deposited in the Savings' Bank. I do not think it proper that the same individuals should be concerned in the directory of both Banks. I should not think it so objectionable if they were not commercial men engaged in a business

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common to them, and parties seeking accommodation. The rate of Exchange at the Bank of British North America is 16 per cent ; two months ago, 18 or 18½ per cent.

ROBERT ALSOP.

H. K. DICKENSON, Esq., Merchant.—

I think the extension of the business of the Savings' Bank to the keeping of the current accounts would be beneficial and convenient to the Trade; the keeping of these accounts would involve no risk to the Bank if the business be done as it now is by the Bank of British North America, where no advance is made on these accounts. Under any circumstance, I should think it objectionable that the same parties should be connected with the management of both institutions, they being in the nature of rival establishments. The business done by the Savings' Bank is very beneficial to the Trade, and a great accommodation to the public generally. I think there should be a separate place of deposit for the monies of the Savings' Bank, as its business is more exposed to the supervision of the other, in which its account is kept, as well as because it is not desirable that all the monies of the country should be centred in any one Institution, to which a monopoly is thus given. I think further that it is objectionable that the monies of the Savings' Bank should be kept in a private Bank, while the Government is security for the deposits. If the operations of the Savings' Bank were enlarged as proposed, it would be essential that the business be done in a central place in the Town; the situation of the Market-house is very desirable for the purpose.

H. K. DICKENSON.

PATRICK TASKER, Esq., Merchant.—

The discount operations of the Savings' Bank have become necessary to the Trade, and are relied on in matters of Mercantile accommodation. These operations could be extended in the way of keeping current accounts, with great convenience to the Trade and advantage to the Bank. I think it very improper that the same parties should be concerned in the direction of the Savings' Bank, and the Bank of British North America; as a matter of necessity, on such a change as has been suggested, the monies of the Savings' Bank should be kept in its own vaults, which would be very desirable, as at present the keeping the accounts by the other Bank gives them an insight into the business of the Savings' Bank, which must be regarded as objectionable by parties doing business with the latter; if the change proposed were carried out the Institution should be in a central situation.

PATRICK TASKER.

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THOMAS ROW, Esq., Merchant.—

The business done by the Savings' Bank is highly beneficial to the Trade ; without it, the transactions of the Trade would be materially contracted. If the Savings' Bank ceased its operations, without a corresponding increase of the business of the Bank of British North America, the consequences would be disastrous. The operations of the Savings' Bank might be safely and beneficially extended to the keeping of accounts with the Merchants ; no advances to be made on these accounts without security, personal or otherwise. It would be a great advantage to have the monies of the Savings' Bank kept in a distinct place of deposit,—because it is objectionable that a rival Institution should have the knowledge of its affairs, which the keeping of its money imparts. I think it highly objectionable that any parties concerned in the direction or management of one Bank should be connected with the supervision of the other, particularly in the case of Merchants. The Savings' Bank should have the power of issuing notes, as enjoyed by the Bank of British North America. It would be desirable that the Savings' Bank should be kept in a central part of the town, if the system of keeping Current Accounts be adopted.

THOMAS ROW.

ROBERT CARTER, Esq., Colonial Treasurer.

I do not think that the Savings' Bank, under that denomination, and the system upon which that Bank is framed, that accounts current should be kept with those engaged in Trade, its object being to afford a safe means of deposit, upon the security of public funds, for the earnings of the poor and laboring classes. I believe the Trade has been greatly accommodated by the Bank. The depositors reside in various parts of the Island. The establishment of a Branch Bank in one or more of the principal outports, would afford increased facility to depositors. Some difficulty would, however, attend the transit of monies here, as to liabilities in the event of accident ; at present the monetary transactions of the country are chiefly confined to the Bank of British North America. I believe the Notes of the latter Bank are received at the Customs in payment of duties ; it might be desirable to restrict the receipt of Notes in that department to those issuing from the local Treasury, as a means of keeping them in more active circulation. In the event of any great extension of the operations of the Savings' Bank, it would, I think, be advisable to keep its monies in a separate place of deposit from the Bank of British North America. I am not aware of any special security being given by the Bank of British North America for the safe keeping of the public monies ; if any defalcation should occur, I presume the colony would have a preferable claim, the accounts being kept with me, in my official character, and wholly apart from my private transactions. By the bond given by my sureties, they are exempt from responsibility on account of the deposits of public monies in the Bank of British North America. In the event of enlarging the discount business of the Savings' Bank, I should think it would be better to avail of the Treasury Notes than to issue Notes of its own. The expenses of the Bank in 1850 were £293 4s. 8d., cy. ; in 1851, £404 16s. 4d., and in 1852, £632 2s. 9d., cy. The Clerk (Mr. Morris) is now to receive £225 per annum, and I, as Cashier, £100 cy. from the 1st day of January last. The managing Committee, the hon. E.M. Archibald, hon. William Thomas, and Ambrose, Shea, Esq. receive £50 cy. each.

R. CARTER.

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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND LABOUR PAID BY THE SAVINGS' BANK IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS.

1849.

Cashier allowance, 1848.....	£75	0	0
Thomas Brown, runner, 1848.....	30	0	0
E. Morris, Clerk.....	100	0	0
Remitted for account Books.....	23	1	9
Thomas Brown, to 7th October, when retired from service.....	23	2	6
McConnon for Stationery.....	10	13	7
Attorney General's law accounts, from November 1847 to 1849.....	16	13	4
Advertising in Papers.....	4	8	4
Candles.....	0	1	0
	<u>£283</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>

Examined and approved by Auditors, 31st Decr., 1849.

1850.

January 14th.	Treasurer's account—late P. Morris, proportion of allowance as Cashier to last of August 1849.....	£50	0	0
March 11th.	Paid W. Goff, rent to 1st March.....	15	7	8
April 1st.	Clerk acting runner from 7th Oct. 1849 to 31st Dec., 1849.	6	17	6
	Ditto from 1st Jany. to 31st March.....	7	10	0
" 29th.	Attorney General's account for 1849.....	21	8	10
August 5th.	Paid for Deposit Book and copies of Constitution.....	23	19	0
September 2nd.	Paid J. Stentaford, Office Keeper at Commercial Room.....	5	0	0
	Rent at Commercial Room.....	5	0	0
" 28th.	An Account Book.....	0	13	6
December 9th	Stationery.....	5	17	6
	Customs' removing.....	0	15	0
	Clerk's Salary.....	100	0	0
	Clerk for extra duties, 1849 and 1850.....	25	0	0
	Clerk, acting runner $\frac{3}{4}$ year.....	22	10	0
	Publishing and Advertising.....	3	5	8
		<u>£293</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>

Decr. 31st,—Audited and approved.

1851.

Jan. 6th—	Robert Carter, 1 year's salary, from 1st October, 1849, to 1st October, 1850.....	£75	0	0
" "	Paid R. Carter, on account quarter, from 1st October to 31st December, 1850.....	14	17	9
" "	Paid Superintending Committee, from 1st Monday in February, to 1st. 1851.....	100	0	0

Carried forward.....£189 17 9

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	Brought forward.....	£189	17	9
June 12.—Paid Wm. Freeman, fitting offices		19	10	2
“ 19.—Attorney-General’s account, for 1850		26	8	0
Nov. 24.—Posting Books of account		5	0	0
Dec. 22.—Stationery		9	9	8
“ Printing, publishing, &c.		6	8	0
“ Incidentals—fenders, chairs, candlestics.....		5	10	3
“ Miss Perchard, keeping office, from 27th August, 1850, to 18th January, 1852.....		12	12	6
“ Clerk’s Salary		100	0	0
“ Ditto account Runner		30	0	0
		<u>£404</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>

31st. December, 1851, audited and adopted.

Hon. E. M. Archibald,)	} £33 6 8—each.
“ W. Thomas,)	
“ A. Shea, Esq.)	

1852.

Jan. 15.—R. Carter’s salary—Cashier	£75	0	0
Feb. 9.—E. Morris, Clerk—quarter, for 1851, to make salary £200	70	0	0
“ 12.—Paid Superintending Committee	150	0	0
April 15.—Attorney-General’s account, 1851	11	16	10
Aug. 2.—Honbls. W. B. Row, and C. F. Bennett, auditing accounts, former 1850—latter 1849 and 1850	100	0	0
“ Stationery	10	10	7
“ Publishing and Printing	3	17	4
“ Incidentals, candles—Freeman for work, &c.	3	8	0
“ Clerk’s salary	200	0	0
“ Miss Perchard $\frac{3}{4}$ year	7	10	0
	<u>£632</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>

31st December, 1852, audited and approved.

Hon. E. M. Archibald.)	} £50—each.
“ W. Thomas,)	
“ A. Shea.)	

WILLIAM BARNES, Esq., Merchant. —

I am of opinion that, looking to the business done by the Savings’ Bank, its operations would be beneficially extended by keeping Current Accounts with the Merchants.

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The accommodation afforded by the Savings' Bank is of great importance to the Trade—and were it not for the facilities it has given since the fire of 1846, the Trade would have experienced great inconvenience; and even now the tightening of discounts at those seasons when the produce of the country is brought into the market for sale, is most severely felt.

I should think it desirable that the Savings' Bank should be permitted to issue its own Notes or the Treasury Notes, and that it should have the control of its own monies, which should be kept in its own place of deposit. There is no advantage in our present Treasury Notes, owing to the control which the Bank of British North America has over the circulating medium. It would be desirable that all the public monies should be deposited in the Savings' Bank. I think it highly objectionable that the Directors of one of these Institutions should have any concern in the direction of the other.

My objection originates in the necessary rivalry of the Banks, and the actual rivalry of the Directors (if engaged in Trade) with the great bulk of persons requiring accommodation from either Bank. If the Savings' Bank extend its affairs by opening current accounts with the Trade, it ought to remove its place of business to a more central position.

W. M. BARNES.

**EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE
INTO THE ST. JOHN'S PENITENTIARY.**

Particulars to be inquired into respecting the Penitentiary now in course of erection.

Cannot the plans which are at present in course of adoption be yet greatly reduced in their extent, magnitude, and expense, consistently with the ordinary requirements for the safe-keeping and health of such number of prisoners as may at any time be likely to occupy the intended Penitentiary?

If so, can these alterations be made without altogether departing from the original design, and general appearance of the building?

Are the original and modified plans and designs essentially different; if so, to what extent in magnitude and in point of expense?

What amount of expense has been already incurred; to what extent has the building progressed, and what are the available means now on hand (including materials) towards its completion; and what further amount is required?

What would be the probable amount of expense for the erection of the Penitentiary, with its appurtenances, in accordance with the original designs?

Assuming that the plans may be yet extensively reduced, what would be the probable expense for the erection of a good substantial building, suitable to the condition and ordinary wants of this colony?

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Is it usual, or likely to be economical, for proprietors to supply materials and to enter into sectional contracts with various persons for the performance of the work ?

P. F. LITTLE,
Chairman.

St. John's 4th June, 1853.

SIR.—We have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, we have proceeded to investigate the plans, sections, and details of the Penitentiary building, now in progress of erection ; and having carefully examined into every matter that came to our knowledge, and having given to the whole our best consideration, we have now to return the following answers to the queries submitted to us ; which we shall endeavour to do, in the order in which they stand.

In replying to the first query, we have to submit that it is at all times more or less difficult to alter plans or designs that have been carefully studied and arranged, and the more perfect they are, the more the difficulty increases. In the present instance the Plans appear to have received the greatest care and attention, both in the design and distribution, but upon the whole that they are much more than equal to all the exigencies we can anticipate. Under this view we are humbly of opinion that the building may be greatly reduced, both in expense and magnitude.

Respecting your second query, which is so closely connected with the first, we have to state that in our view these reductions may be carried out, without any sensible departure from the Plans now in adoption, so far as they extend ; and leaving the south front, which will be the most prominent and characteristic feature of the intended building, almost entirely as we find it.

In order to shew the grounds on which our opinions are formed, and to explain the alterations which we would suggest, we deem it right to lay before you the accompanying sketched plan of the principal floor of the building, showing, as it does, the whole area and distribution, on which we have placed red lines, indicating all that portion which, in our opinion, would be necessarily required, and the accommodations which would be thereby afforded—reducing the whole to less than one-half its present extent.

It will be perceived that the portion we have assumed is about one hundred feet long, by forty wide, giving an extent of 4000 feet ; the remaining part of the main centre, towards the north, and part both wings, to be discontinued. Those parts of the wings which are beyond the centre, to be extended northwards about twelve feet ; or until they make forty feet from the front. It is proposed that a range of cells be constructed, which, together with two flights of stairs, may occupy the whole length of the north side of the building, leaving the corridor clear from end to end. On the south of the corridor all the rooms and offices to be as they are at present laid down ; similar arrangements of cells may be provided on the next story to any extent that would be required. Kitchen, scullery, and all other accommodations that might be required can be provided in the basement. It may be also observed that several rooms can be constructed in the attic, if such shall be required.

This modification, if adopted, would, as before stated, leave the south front unaltered both in its present plan and elevation, excepting those small portions of the extremities which are meant to be discontinued.

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In answer to the 3rd Query, we find that the original and reduced plans, although different in detail, are essentially the same in their general design and composition. The building appears to have been reduced by about one-sixth in magnitude and expense, independently of house and offices which are provided to stand detached from the main building, on the south front. It appears to us that the alterations made in the details, as well as in reducing the dimensions on the plan, are so many improvements on the whole, and are calculated to render the building better suited to the condition and exigencies of the country.

In replying to the 4th Query, we beg to say that the building at present has not attained a greater height in any part of it than the top of the foundation walls, and that as regards the superstructure, it is now but very little in advance of its commencement, on a good level site, requiring little excavation. With respect to the expense already incurred, the amount still required, and the materials on hand available for this purpose, we think that this part of the query will be best answered by figures, shewing a statement of disbursements paid, or of liabilities now existing, together with an abstracted supplementary estimate of the amount still required for the completion of the building; the former we take from the accounts exhibited, the latter chiefly from calculation.

DISBURSEMENTS AND LIABILITIES.

Amount of expense incurred to the end of the year 1852.....	.....	£3678	0	0
Cost of Granite contracted for, and partly delivered .....	.....	4375	0	0
Freight, charges, and cartage for 1600 tons at 15s. ....	.....	1200	0	0
Slates contracted for, and partly delivered .....	.....	176	0	0
Work and Labour to 27th May 1853... ..	.....	160	0	0
Salaries .....	.....	300	0	0
		<u>£9,889</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

ABSTRACTED SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE.

800 M. brick at 50s. ....	.....	£2000	0	0
Lime, £430, cement, £350 .....	.....	780	0	0
Sand, £120, hoop iron, £180... ..	.....	300	0	0
Bricklayers and labourers, 140 rods at £120 .....	.....	840	0	0
Preparing and setting granite .....	.....	550	0	0
Mason work on surrounding walls	200	0	0
Cement and sand	280	0	0
		<u>£4,950</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		Carried forward.....	£4,950	0 0

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	Brought forward	£4,950	0	0
Labor hire, setting cornice, blocking chimney shafts, barges, &c. &c.		180	0	0
Carpentry and Joinery, including materials		1200	0	0
Foundation for surrounding walls		250	0	0
Centering and scaffolding		100	0	0
Nails, felt, mortar, and labor slating		136	0	0
Lathing and plastering		250	0	0
Plumbing, painting, and glazing		515	0	0
Heating, ventilating, boilers, air flues, &c. &c.		1150	0	0
Ironmongery and bell-hanging		240	0	0
Salary to architect		500	0	0
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		£9471	0	0
One tenth allowance for contingencies		947	0	0
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Amount required		£10418	0	0
Amount disbursed &c.		9889	0	0
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Total expense		£20,307	0	0
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There are now on the premises some building materials, consisting of a lot of brick, said to be about 75 M., a quantity of juniper plank and scanting, some lime in casks, a quantity of sand, a heap of rubble stone, a parcel of laths, and a quantity of prepared joinery. Those items may be of the aggregate value of about £400; and so far as they go, should be placed to the credit of the supplementary estimate. The iron castings, and granite on the ground are not here adverted to, they being included in the amount of expense already incurred; and here, we beg leave to say, that throughout this enquiry, and more particularly whilst on the subject of the se estimates, that we have been obligingly assisted by Mr. Neville, the architect of the works, who kindly favoured us with all the plans and details that we required, and in fact with every information he could give.

To the 5th Query, we have to state, that we have scarcely enough data, and not sufficient time to make an accurate estimate of the expense; but the calculations we have made with reference to the reduced plans, fully warrant us in stating, that to carry out the original designs, as indicated and provided by the plans and specifications, would cost at least the sum of £23,500 sterling.

In approaching your 6th, and probably the most important query, we feel that our answers will be regarded as an expression of our own views and judgments, and not as matter of fact, and therefore subject to a variety of opinion as to their correctness. We however feel bound to say, that in our judgment a Prison and Penitentiary similar to that established at Pentonville, which is so deservedly esteemed for the accommodation it affords for its staff of officers and prisoners, for the elaborateness of its details, and its general completeness, is to be viewed as a model prison not only in England, but in many other densely peopled parts of Europe, is neither required or suited to the wants or condition of the country, or of those classes amongst which its prison inmates would be found. We are the more confirmed in this opinion, when we glance over the last fifty years, and the many and important changes that have passed under our own view, during that period; we have seen a great portion of the wilderness reclaimed; the country opening around us, and becoming thickly inhabited;

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we have seen the population doubled, and perhaps more than trebled, and if we have not egregiously deceived ourselves, we are warranted in saying, as we do, with pride and satisfaction, that pending all these changes, and whilst our people have been so rapidly increasing, that in our estimation, crime, and its accompaniments have decreased in more than an equal ratio. Under these views and impressions, we respectfully submit, that a good, substantial, wholesome building, affording an available area of eight thousand superficial feet of flooring, on its first and second stories, exclusive of the basement, which would contain all the offices that would be necessarily required, and independently of the attic, which, if required, could be easily turned to account, would be fully ample to meet and provide for more than all our ordinary exigencies, keeping in view, that the Granite and Iron Castings requisite for the building, together with the articles enumerated, as being now on hand, and to the credit of the supplementary estimate, are available, we think, that taking them into account, the building may be completed to the extent here contemplated for the additional sum of £5500.

In answer to the 7th query, we beg to say that it is not usual for Proprietors to supply materials, and enter into sectional contracts with various persons for the performance of the work. Neither do we think it economical—and for these reasons: There is scarcely any doubt that there will be a much greater waste of materials, and the contractors constantly complaining of the quality as well as the quantity furnished; and it is by no means likely that sufficient care will be taken in their appropriation; add to this that each contractor, knowing that his agreement is limited, and that if he have not enough for his particular service, that he cannot help himself out of the profits of any other item, will take care to ask fully enough, and in many cases more than if his contract was more general. Moreover, men who are in the habit of entering into extensive contracts well know what materials they require; also, how and where they can be procured on the best and easiest terms: this knowledge they naturally turn to their own advantage, and adds greatly to their profit; it enables them to exhibit a lower estimate upon the whole, than can be expected from those who have not their experience.

On the other hand, the proprietor who procures and supplies the materials, feels an assurance, that even if he pay more money, that the work will be of a better quality and character; in this view, and under some circumstances, he may not be mistaken; but we see no reason to doubt, that this object could be attained, and the terms and provisions of an agreement and specification strictly enforced, under a general contract, where there are good and sufficient securities taken for its performance, and a proper degree of vigilance on the part of the superintending architect.

We have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

PATRICK KOUGH.

WILLIAM FREEMAN.

Philip F. Little, Esq., M. H. A., Chairman of Committee, &c., &c.,

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COLONIAL PENITENTIARY.

Saint John's, Newfoundland

21st May, 1853. }

SIR.—I beg to forward with this, a statement shewing comparatively the estimate and expenditure under the respective heads of “Total cost,” “Materials provided,” and “Materials provided for the North Wing,” and these are in addition to any work actually performed in the building.

I have given the statement of cost of materials provided for the north section, as the nearest I can approach to your request for an estimate of the value of those materials for any other building. This it is impossible to do, as large parts are not at all available for any thing but a prison, and others would have to be regarded as raw material only, the whole cost of labor already done being wasted entirely. Under these circumstances, and as no data exist showing the proposed mode of conversion, I thought a statement of the actual outlay for materials for the North section would best answer your purpose.

With regard to the decreased size of the building, I wish to correct any impression the form of the questioning may give, that I think the Prison without the North (or males') section sufficient; allow me to state, I gave my opinion, simply, that it was feasible to erect the eastern and western sections without the northern, as no structural difficulties were in the way of that omission; further—that the reduced building might accommodate 18 or 20 prisoners and two officers; the discipline to be carried out not being that called “separate” but *some* form of classification might be adopted. I particularly wish to say, I do not think a proper system of prison discipline can be carried on in the reduced edifice; and as to its sufficiency for the wants of the colony, I am not in a position to form any opinion, only to say that it may be sufficient for the number stated, managed on a very inferior system of discipline, and one entirely exploded by the advocates of prison reform in England, in the States, and on the continent of Europe generally, and particularly deprecated by the Prison Congress which met in Belgium a few years since.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. T. NEVILL, Architect.

To P. F. Little, Esq., Chairman of Select Committee as to the Penitentiary, &c., &c.,

Committee Room,
16th May, 1853. }

JOHN THOMAS NEVILL.—

I am the Architect of the St. John's Penitentiary—engaged from 29th. May last, for 18 months, at £4 sterling a week. The plans of the building were originally drawn by Mr. Hill, of Birmingham, Architect, but reduced by me after coming here. It is calculated to

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contain 44 male, and 6 female criminals, and 6 debtors—all separate rooms for each prisoner. There are, besides, 2 day rooms for the debtors, and a sick room for male and female patients. The criminals' rooms are 12 feet by 7 feet. The debtors' sleeping rooms are 11 feet by 6 feet 3 inches. There are 2 day rooms, 11 feet by 14 feet. There are also 2 work-rooms for criminals, 24 feet by 23 feet 4 inches each—and a laundry and work-room for females, 23 feet 4 inches by 13 feet. There are 4 punishment cells on the first story, which is on a level with the ground, 12 feet by 7 feet each. Under that level it is not intended that any of the building shall be used for the purpose of accommodating prisoners. Their rooms and cells are all above the level of the ground. The sub-basement story will be used for the heating apparatus, coal store, and air flues. The accommodation for the officers and servants of the building was intended to be provided in two detached houses in front of the main building, but no part of the foundations of these two houses has been commenced—the foundations of the main building have been completed to the level of the basement floor. In the main building there is also provision made for a Commissioner's room, 17 feet by 18 feet; a Superintendent's office, 17 feet by 18 feet; a visitor's room, 9 feet 6 inches square; a surgery, 9 feet 6 inches square; 2 reception cells, 11 feet by 6 feet 6 inches; a bath, 8 feet by 3 feet 3 inches; water closet for officers; apparatus room (on sub-basement) 48 feet by 18 feet; scullery and kitchen, 31 feet 6 inches by 17 feet; larder, 12 feet by 7 feet; store, 10 feet by 9 feet 6 inches; washing places, water-closets and baths in one room, 23 feet 4 inches by 17 feet; a chapel, 48 feet by 30 feet; officers' room, 12 feet by 7 feet, and the following for females' use, besides those already mentioned:—matron's parlour, 14 feet by 12 feet, and bed-room, 9 feet square, drying closet, 7 feet by 9 feet; 2 washing places, 3 feet wide by —feet long each; store, 9 feet by 8 feet; reception cell, 12 feet by 6 feet 3 inches. The main building is in the shape of a T, consisting of one building, 120 feet long by 48 feet and two connecting buildings, 96 feet long by 27 feet 6 inches wide—three stories high, besides the sub-basement.

The greater part of the materials have been provided, say two-thirds. The exterior is to be of Rock Port U. States Granite. It will stand us 3s. 6d. a foot here on the ground, 4s. erected. Each room is to be arched with brick, with iron hoop bound in the walls; mortar to be used inside; the granite and the brick backing to be laid in cement. The annexed is my estimate of the gross cost of all the buildings, in addition to the amount already expended. This was made out last February. I made out no estimate of the cost before I commenced operations. The Commissioners had an estimate on Mr. Hill's plan, before it was reduced. It was £10 sterling. I reduced the plan to what I conceived would amount to a saving of 10 per cent on the outlay.

By striking off the north section of the main building, and completing only the east and west sections, without any detached officers' houses, including an enclosing wall, sufficient accommodation could thereby be provided for keeper and officers, &c., but this would not admit of a distinct cell for each prisoner, though it would admit of a classification of the prisoners, and their employment to a limited extent, according to the general plan. That would leave the present foundations of the northern section available for an extension of the building at any future period. They can be secured for that purpose. The completion of the reduced building would be made at a reduction on the amount of my estimate of £3190—besides leaving the materials provided for the north section available for future use, or for any other public building.

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COLONIAL PENITENTIARY, SAINT JOHN'S.

STATEMENT shewing probable "total cost," "the cost of materials already provided," and of those provided for the North Section or Males' Prison.

Items of Expenditure.	Total cost.	Materials provided.	Materials provided for N. section.
Bricks, labor, mortar, cement, and hoop iron in walls	£4818 0 0	£726 11 0	
Granite, freight of same, delivery on the ground, and erection in the building	5899 5 0	5314 0 0	£ 1700 0 0
Excavations and well-sinking	100 0 0	15 0 0	
Rubble work in foundations of gateway, and boundary walls	300 0 0	62 6 2	
Timber, labor on same, and Joiners' work on floors, doors, &c.	1132 0 0	177 19 7	80 0 0
Centering and scaffolding	100 0 0		
Slates, nails, felt and labor	300 0 0	190 0 0	100 0 0
Iron columns, girders, windows, work to galleries, &c.	500 0 0	400 0 0	230 0 0
Plasterers' work	250 0 0		
Plumbing, glazing, and painting	515 0 0		
Warming, ventilation, cooking boilers, air flues, rater, supply baths, and water closets	1150 0 0	25 0 0	12 10 0
Ironmongery and bell-hanging	240 0 0		
Architect's salary	250 0 0	125 0 0	
	15,554 5 0	£7035 16 9	2122 10 0
Add 5 per cent for contingencies	777 14 3		
	£16,331 19 3		
Deduct amount paid for materials, but charged above	584 0 0		
	£15,747 19 3		

21st May, 1853.

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EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE PROPRIETY OF CONTINUING THE OPERATION OF THE PICKLED FISH ACT.

K. M'LEA, Esq., Merchant.

Thinks the system of branding useful, but the charge for herring too high. An inspection serves to settle questions of quantity between Planter and Merchant. The brand is useful in a Foreign market, to some extent; and on the whole, the system, if greater attention were paid by the Inspectors, ought to be continued. Cannot complain of the Inspectors usually employed by Messrs J. & W. Stewart, Messrs. Pitts and Murphy.

KEN. M'LEA.

4th April, 1853.

MATTHEW STEWART, Esq. Merchant.

I am decidedly opposed to doing away with the Inspection of Pickled Fish, but a material alteration is required to make that Act beneficial, and the first thing to be obviated is the employer's interference with the Inspectors, while in the discharge of their duty; and to prevent this evil, I would recommend that but one Inspector be appointed by the Government, who should be obliged to give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of his duty: at the same time giving him power to appoint as many deputies as the trade may require, making them amenable to him, the head Inspector, who would be responsible for the acts of his deputies; and that no merchants or others should have it in their power to discharge any Inspector while in the discharge of his duty. I am of opinion that a great quantity of herrings branded No. 1, are not fit to be branded No. 2, owing to such interference, which depreciates the value in the neighbouring colonies and elsewhere, which can only be regained by strict Inspection. The charge for Inspecting at present is too high, and could easily have a reduction of 2d. to 3d. per barrel on herrings.

MATTHEW STEWART.

St. John's April 7th, 1853.

M. H. WARREN, Esq., Merchant.—

I have been engaged in the Herring Trade and Fishery, the past ten years, and have sold herring in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Canada; the brand is an injury to the sale; Newfoundland herring having a bad name. I have sold the same quality herring not branded, at one shilling per barrel more than those branded in St. John's. My opinion is this, and it is founded on personal observation and experience in all the British American Colonies, that the inspection of herring is valueless. I would prefer paying

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for Inspection, if not branded, rather than that the barrel should be branded. I consider the Inspection fee a tax of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the value of the herring, and of no benefit except to the Inspector. If a merchant branded his own herring, he would have an interest in seeing that his name should not be put on a bad article, and it would be a guarantee for the quality. Herring in pork barrels fetch more in other countries than those in fir or spruce barrels; in the first place they are larger, and the herrings keep better in hardwood barrels. No herring should be exported in bulk; this in a great measure gives a bad name to Newfoundland herring; if the immense quantities now exported were obliged to be pipped and barrelled, it would give employment to the people, and at the same time would check the injurious, suicidal traffic in herring with the French.

MATTHEW H. WARREN.

St. John's, April, 7th, 1853.

Mr. JAMES PITTS.

I am of opinion that the present Pickled Fish Act would work beneficially if herring were prevented from being exported from the Colony in bulk. I have been informed by individuals, to whom I would attach much credit, that up to the 10th of March there have been upwards of 35,000 barrels taken away in bulk from Bay de North; and from another individual I have learnt that twice the quantity has been taken, up to the present time, and exported to the colonies; therefore being taken away in such large quantities lightly in salt, so deteriorates the quality of the herring, and retaining, as they do, the name of "Newfoundland Herring," causes a most injurious effect. Pork or Beef barrels, if of good quality, should be considered an equally good package for Pickled Fish as fir barrels, and that the fish contained in the same should be branded as to quality. I consider the charge for inspecting Salmon, Trout, and Mackerel too low. Whilst I admit the charge for herring would bear a reduction—say three pence cy. per barrel.

JAMES PITTS.

St. John's April 6th, 1853.

Mr. PHILIP DUGGAN.

In my opinion the inspection of herring at a reduced price may be an advantage to the Trade of St. John's. The present charge for inspection I consider enormous; the rate of three pence per barrel I consider sufficient; I am of opinion that the Inspectors should give their attention towards the package or casks containing pickled fish; that the material used for such packages should be well-seasoned, and not made of green stuff, as is now too often the case. I am of opinion that no better package could be used than either pork or beef barrels, and should advise the Pickled Fish contained in them to be branded according to

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quality. I am of opinion that herring exported in bulk to the colonies is at at any season of the year highly injurious to the character of Newfoundland herring. I am of opinion that the system of inspection, if thought advisable, be only applicable to St. John's, not to the outports; the exporters in the outports to brand the package in their own name, thereby making themselves responsible for their quality.

PHILIP DUGGAN.

St. John's, 5th April, 1853.

HENRY DICKENSON, Esq., Merchant.

I am of opinion that if, instead of the present Pickled Fish Act being continued, every exporter were to use his own brand, more attention would be paid to the quality of the herring packed; the only legislative interference required is as to the weight of Pickled Fish to be put into each package, and probably as to the size of the package. If the Act be renewed, I would recommend it to be left optional with parties to avail themselves of it or not, and also that the fee allowed to Inspectors be reduced, say to four pence cy. per barrel for herring. Salmon and Mackarel I do not consider too high. In case of inspection being considered desirable, I would recommend the appointment of Inspectors, as heretofore.

HENRY DICKENSON.

5th April, 1853.

EWEN STABB, Esq., Merchant.

I am of opinion that the present Pickled Fish Act should be continued only as far as regards Salmon, because they are an article that can bear the expense and attention of Inspection; the restrictions on herring, independent of the expense, are injurious, as they prevent the shipment of herring, either in bulk or other package, except that prescribed by the Act.

EWEN STABB.

. St. John's, April 5th, 1853.

ROBERT PROWSE, Esq., Merchant.

In my opinion the charge for inspecting herring is too heavy a tax on the article for its value—that if there was an Inspector General for the town of St. John's, it would be the means of securing a better inspection, and the consequence tending to improve the charac-

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ter of Newfoundland Pickled Fish in foreign markets. This applied to all kinds of Pickled Fish ;— four pence currency per barrel would be a fair charge for inspection, one-half to the Inspector General, the other half to his deputies ;—the deputies to be appointed by the Inspector General, and to be responsible to him for their conduct. Pork or beef barrels, I consider as good a package for Pickled Fish as fir barrels, provided they are well trimmed. Pickled Fish exported from St. John's should be branded as " Town Inspection ;" as to outports, I would leave it optional to exporters to have them inspected or not ; but in such cases the exporter to brand the package in his or their name, with the number of pounds contained therein. I think it advisable to have the law passed for not less than three years.

ROBERT PROWSE.

April, 5th, 1853.

ROBERT JOB, Esq., Merchant.

I am of opinion that the present system of inspecting is bad. The expense of inspecting herring I consider too high. Too little attention has hitherto been paid in passing inferior fish,—tainted Salmon being now passed as No. 3, whereas in foreign markets, they are comparatively valueless ; thinks four pence per barrel for inspecting herring sufficient, if an inspection be considered necessary. If a system of inspection for herring be considered desirable, would recommend an Inspector General, having parties under him responsible to him. I am, however, not prepared to say that the system would be preferable to a discontinuation of all inspection of herring—where the onus of the quality would be thrown on the shipper. It would, however, be necessary to make a stringent law, declaring the legal weight of fish in each package. Any alteration in the system of inspection should have reference to a period of not less than three years, so that a fair trial might be made.

ROBERT H. JOB.

St. John's, April 5th, 1853.

PETER McBRIDE, Esq., Merchant.

Is of opinion that the system of branding is necessary and advantageous to the Trade in Foreign markets, provided the fish be well inspected. Is of opinion that the charges for inspecting herring are too high. In case of inspection, four pence currency would be quite sufficient. The quality of the fish to be branded by Inspector at the time of inspecting. Thinks, however, that the character of the herring would be better sustained by all shipping merchants branding the package themselves, thereby becoming responsible for their quality, as Brazil fish is now. If in the event, however, of an inspection being adopted, would recommend it to apply only to St. John's, when the package could be branded " Town inspection,"—which, if adopted, may, in the meantime shew if a difference existed in obtaining a better price at market than those shipped from outports. The articles of Salmon and Mackerel should be all inspected by competent Inspectors ; the present charge I consider not too high.

PETER McBRIDE.

4th April, 1853.

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EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE A SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON THE VALUE OF THE SOVEREIGN.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, St. John's, }
 March 11th., 1853. }

PETER McBRIDE, Esq., Merchant.

The present state of the currency is sound, but this I state with reference to the fact that Sovereigns have been current at twenty-four shillings. In the present state of the money market in England and America, the adherence to a silver standard value here could not be maintained without serious prejudice to the trade—sovereigns may remain current here if not legalized at a current rate; but the want of a fixed and certain value would prevent that confidence necessary to induce importations. If legalized, parties would not be, as now, dependant on the Bank, for they could then import specie with more facility. I am a Bank director. The interests of the Trade are much more concerned in such a measure as this than are those of the Bank; and in the latter I have much less concern than in the welfare of the trade. If Sovereigns be not made a legal tender, I think the circulating medium must become restricted, as dollars can now only be brought here at such a premium as reduces the value of exchange to 12 or 14 per cent. This reduction in the rate of exchange necessarily acts on the value of the produce of the country. The amount of obligations to the Bank is much more than that of the notes in circulation. The Bank will not deal in Sovereigns to any great extent, if they be not made a legal tender; nearly all the Sovereigns in circulation last year were sent away to the neighbouring Provinces for purpose of remittances.

PETER McBRIDE.

ROBERT PROWSE, Esq., Merchant.

I was present, and heard the evidence given by Mr. McBride, and fully concur in his views respecting the advisability of giving a legal value to the Sovereign. If the measure be not adopted, a restricted currency must, in my opinion, be the result. It is most important to the country to have a metallic currency, and I should fear, as a consequence of the want of specie, that small private notes would find their way into circulation, to the manifest risk and injury of the public. The want of a sufficiency of a good sound circulating medium must operate to the depreciation of the value of the produce of the country, and to the injury, generally, of the operative classes.

ROBERT PROWSE.

ROBERT ALSOP, Esq., Merchant.

I am of opinion that if Sovereigns be not legalized at twenty-four shillings, the country will suffer the want of a sufficiency of metallic circulating medium, and be subjected to the

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evil of having private notes issued to suit the necessities of the trade. From the great scarcity of dollars, they can now only be imported at a great loss on the par of exchange, and this necessarily re-acts by producing a reduction in the value of the produce of the country. The great benefit to result from the legalization of the Sovereign, is the steadiness it will give to the rate of exchange, and the trade will consequently be relieved from the risk of the fluctuations in this particular, to which it must otherwise be exposed; Sovereigns are now freely exchanged in the community at twenty-four shillings, and I see no objection to that value being affixed to them by law; on the contrary, I regard the measure as being necessary to avert the evil of a contracted circulation, or, perhaps, a monetary crisis.

ROBERT ALSOP.

ROBERT H. JOB, Esq., Merchant.

It appears to be very desirable to give the Gold and Silver coinage of the British realm a fixed legal currency value in this colony, to meet the increasing inconvenience and loss caused by the advance in price of Silver dollars, which, under existing regulations, constitute by far the largest proportion of the coinage current here, and by the difficulty consequent of providing a sufficient supply of this coin for the ordinary purposes of circulation. The affirming by law a currency value of 24s. to the coin denominated the Sovereign, would be in accordance with its present ordinary current value, and would be a great convenience by giving facility for the supply of an ample metallic medium of circulation, without the heavy cost which attends the importation of silver. The adoption of the coinage of Great Britain as our circulating medium, would most probably protect this colony in great measure from the loss arising from any fluctuations in the relative values of the precious metals at present taking place, because this coinage will almost certainly be redeemed at its legal value in the event of a new issue. This renders it desirable to include all the coinage of the realm in the proposed measure.

ROBERT H. JOB.

11th March, 1853.

EWEN STABB, Esq., of St. John's, Merchant.

I believe the legalising the British Sovereign of twenty shillings stg., as twenty-four shillings cy. in this colony, and the British half-crown, of two shillings and sixpence stg. as three shillings cy. (being equivalent to the present current money of Spanish and Mexican dollars, at five shillings cy.) will be of great and universal benefit, extending a real and substantial circulating medium, available without loss in all the neighbouring colonies, and in England at a fixed rate of exchange.

Should gold decline in value from the great production, as compared with silver the British coinage would, undoubtedly, be enlarged in weight to meet it.

EWEN STABB.

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March 14th, 1853.

THOMAS ROW, Esq., Merchant.

I am not of opinion that it would be advisable as yet to give a legal current value to Sovereigns at 24s. They command 24s. currently in trade now. In the course of business between parties in the trade, Sovereigns are freely received at the rate named; but the Bank has sometimes refused to receive them at this amount in payment of large sums; from this I infer that, in the estimation of the Bank, they are less valuable at 24s. than are Dollars at 5s. One effect of the legalization of Sovereigns would be to advance the premium on sterling payments for rents from $15\frac{1}{3}$ to 20 per cent. A contraction of the circulating medium would be very prejudicial to the trade, but I do not apprehend such a result from the refusal to legalise the sovereign. The amount of money now in the colony is sufficient for the purposes of the trade, and the legalization of the Sovereign at 24s. would, in my view, give us a depreciated currency, from the gradual decline in the value of the gold. A narrowing of the business of the Bank would be very prejudicial to the trade; but of this I see no danger while the business of the Bank is as good as at present. I am of opinion that the safer and better course will be to leave the Sovereign to find its own level, by a regard to the present value of Dollars—the relative value in trade at this moment being 24s. and 5s. respectively.

THOMAS ROW.

15th March, 1853.

NICHOLAS STABB, Esq., of St. John's—Merchant.

I am of opinion that fixing the value of the Sovereign at twenty-four shillings currency, and making it a legal tender at that rate, would greatly facilitate and benefit the general trade of this country. It would tend to prevent the very great fluctuation in the rate of exchange, which in many instances varies from 4 to 5 per cent. in the course of a month. This materially affects the interest of the industrious classes, as it depreciates the value of the products of the country to the extent that exchange falls below 20 per cent. I do not anticipate any danger in fixing the value of the Sovereign at 24s. currency, from the fear of a fall in the price of gold; for as long as a Sovereign represents a pound sterling, it can with us pass safely at 24s. currency. Should it be found necessary, hereafter, to alter the value of the present Sovereign, the present coinage would no doubt be called in, and others coined, still to represent twenty English shillings in the pound sterling. At the rate of 24s. currency for the Sovereign, it is still less than its current value in the neighbouring colonies, and in the United States.

It would be desirable at the same time to declare the value of the Crown Piece at six shillings, and other silver coins in the same proportion.

The Sovereign is now generally taken by the Trade at 24s., but the Bank can, and frequently do refuse to take them at that rate. Payments being usually made in spring and fall in large sums, the Sovereign is a very desirable coin, and would be found more convenient in many instances than dollars.

NICHOLAS STABB.

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March 18th, 1853.

PATRICK TASKER, Esq., Merchant.

I think it very desirable to introduce the Sovereign into our circulating medium, at a fixed legal rate of 24s. : silver is becoming so scarce that dollars can now be imported only at a heavy premium of 6 and 7 per cent., and an adherence to dollars as our sole circulating medium, will, in my opinion, lead to a restricted circulation. I think no danger can be consequent on the legalization of the Sovereign, on account of any future depreciation of gold, as, in case the standard price of gold is altered in England, such change will of course apply here. Our proceedings on this subject should be contingent on the measures that the British Government may hereafter adopt, and this will give us every needful security.

PATRICK TASKER.

18th March, 1853.

EDWARD BOWRING, Esq., Merchant.

It would, in my opinion, be advisable to legalize the Sovereign at 24s., the effect would be beneficial to the trade. In the present state of the market for silver, the introduction of the Sovereign will be necessary to secure a sufficient supply of the circulating medium for the purposes of the trade, besides having a tendency to prevent the fluctuation in exchange to which we are now exposed, and give a greater steadiness to our operations. I do not see any danger to result from it in any respect, seeing the value it commands in England and the States, and neighbouring colonies,—and besides, if any alteration in the standard value of gold take place in England, the weight of the Sovereign, I should suppose, will undergo a commensurate increase.

EDWARD BOWRING.

March 18th, 1853.

HENRY K. DICKENSON, Esq., Merchant.

I think it very desirable that a legal value of 24s. be given to the Sovereign ; the British silver coins being fixed at relative valuations. I think such a measure will give facilities to the various operations of the trade, which, wanting such an arrangement, will not exist, from the fact that silver commands so high a premium. I do not see how any injury can be consequent on the measure in question ; and it will act beneficially in respect to the rates of exchange, which will be kept more free from great fluctuations, to which they are now liable. I have reason to believe that this change is generally desired by the trading community ; and the fact that the coinage is in the hands of the British Government, appears to me to give us every necessary security.

HENRY K. DICKENSON.

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EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE JURY SYSTEM IN OPERATION IN THE SUPREME AND CENTRAL CIRCUIT COURTS.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, St. John's, }
March 4th., 1853. }

B. G. GARRETT, Esq., Sheriff of the Central District—Complaints have been made to me by persons summoned as Petty Jurors who wished to be placed on the Grand Jury Panel. Some of these applicants I considered eligible for it, but I felt myself constrained by the construction put upon the Rule of Court declaring the qualification of Grand Jurors, and therefore did not comply with their request; but, recommended their petitioning the Judges on the subject; many of them adopted that course, their memorials being subsequently referred to me to report on; and, as instances of the general course pursued, I refer to the application of Mr. Pierce Grace and Mr. James Murray, a copy of whose memorials I now produce, one made by the Central Circuit and the other by the Supreme Court, together with a copy of the reply given to them by the Chief Justice.

The qualification of "Principal Merchant," mentioned in the Rule of Court for Grand Jurors, may have been very well adapted to the times the rule was promulgated, when the trade and circumstances of the country were totally different from what they are at present. In carrying out this portion of the Rule, I have been cautious in placing the name of any person on the Grand Jury Panel, but having once done so, although he may have ceased to come under the description of "Principal Merchant," that is, occupying Water-side premises, yet I have not stricken his name off, unless he disqualified himself by becoming a Retailer of spirituous Liquors or entering the employment of others as a servant. The Special Juries are taken from the Grand Jury Panel, the present number on the Panel is 104.

The Petty Jury Panel requires alteration, so as to insure a more respectable class of persons. The part of the qualification I consider as objectionable, is the owning of freehold property to *any* amount; the Rental qualification admits of amendment. The number of the Petty Jury Panel varies from 500 to 600.

In my judgment, the Jury System would be more in unison with the public feeling, if the Panels were prepared and kept complete by the Stipendiary Magistrates, to whom application must be made by parties feeling themselves aggrieved, by reason of their names being on that of the Petty, instead of the Grand Jury Panel; or whose names may be omitted altogether; or by persons having, or claiming to have, a right to be exempt from serving on any Jury; either class of complainants would, I conceive, be more likely to be satisfied, although judgment adverse to them were given, if it was by a tribunal of this kind, instead of that of a single individual, always reserving the right of appeal to the Judge of the Supreme Court.

MEMORIAL OF PIERCE GRACE.

To the Honorable FRANCIS BRADY, Chief Justice of Newfoundland, and Presiding Justice of the Central Circuit Court.

The Memorial of PIERCE GRACE, of St. John's, Shopkeeper, most respectfully sheweth:—

That Memorialist has received a Summons from the Sheriff of the Central District, to attend as a juror during the present term of this Honorable Court. That Memorialist has resi-

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ded in Newfoundland thirty-one years, during the greater part of which time he has been engaged in the business; and for the last ten years his mercantile transactions as a general importer have been very considerable. That he owns land and premises on the South and North side of Water-street; and still continues to carry on a considerable mercantile business as a Shop-keeper. That he has, for the last twenty-seven years, served in his turn, when summoned as a Petty Juror; and he therefore humbly submits that he is now as well entitled to be placed on the Special Jury Panel as many persons on it, and for which, as in duty bound, he will feel ever grateful.

(Signed)

PIERCE GRACE.

St. John's, 20th October, 1851.

[COPY.]

The within Memorialist is one of a numerous and highly respectable class of persons, in the town of St. John's, who keep shops, and by whom, I believe, property to a very considerable amount is disposed of in the course of the year, and who are well calculated to add to the efficiency of the Petty Jury Panel; but at the same time they are without *Waterside* premises; and consequently, in my judgment, do not come within the description of those contemplated by the Rule of Court as being qualified for the Grand Jury Panel.

(Signed)

B. G. GARRETT, Sheriff.

St. John's, 21st October, 1851.

 MEMORIAL OF JAMES MURRAY.

*To the Honorable, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
presiding in the Central Circuit Court.*

The petition of JAMES MURRAY, of St. John's, Merchant, humbly sheweth,—

That your Petitioner has, during the present Term, been summoned to attend this Honourable Court, as a Petty Juror for the same, and that Petitioner has attended and served accordingly.

That Petitioner humbly conceives he is duly qualified and competent to be placed upon the Grand Jury Panel, and to be removed from the Petty Jury List, inasmuch as for many years past he has been principal of a firm which has carried on, and still does carry on a large business in the general trade of the country, the extent of which is such, that the duties paid by the said firm amount to the sum of about five hundred pounds annually, using for the purpose of such business large and extensive premises and buildings on the South side of Water Street, near the centre of the town of Saint John's, having water privileges annexed thereto, and working, moreover, a large mill in the neighbourhood of the town, and Petitioner therefore prays that he may be forthwith removed on the Grand Jury Panel, and as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

(Signed)

JAMES MURRAY.

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The within Memorialist is one of a numerous and highly respectable class of persons in the Town of Saint John's, who keep shops on the South Side of Water Street, and by whom, I believe, property to a very considerable amount is disposed of in the course of the year, and who are well calculated to add to the efficiency of the Petty Jury Panel; but at the same time, they are without *Waterside* Premises, and consequently, in my judgment, do not come within the description of those contemplated by the Rule of Court as being qualified for the Grand Jury Panel.

(Signed)

B. G. GARRET, Sheriff.

St. John's, 6th November, 1851.

 DECISION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

In the matter of Messrs. GRACE, and MURRAY, JURORS:

Memorials have been presented by Messrs. Grace and Murray, praying that their names might be removed from the Petty Jury Panel, and placed upon the Grand Panel; and they both set forth facts as to their circumstances, and extensive dealings and mercantile transactions, which go far to support what they submit to the Court "that they are as well entitled to be placed on the Grand Panel as many persons on it." The Sheriff is directed by the Court to make out separate lists, from which the respective Panels are afterwards formed, and in doing so he is to be guided by the qualification which the Court has prescribed for each class of Jurors. The 20th Rule of the Court directs that the list for the Grand Jury Panel shall contain "the names of all the principal merchants and gentlemen of the town." This qualification was so vague that it became essential in practice to adopt some fixed criterion, or qualification, to denote those who were to be considered "principal merchants and gentlemen" within this Rule, and thus all persons who were in possession of waterside premises, and importers of Merchandize, were considered principal Merchants, while the term "Gentlemen" has been held to apply only to persons who are not engaged in any way of trade.

I referred these Memorials to the Sheriff for his report, and upon each he has reported in these terms. "The within," &c., &c.,

I may observe from what I have known in other cases, that the Sheriff feels he has a most irksome and invidious duty to discharge, but the few appeals from the course he has taken, is the best proof of the impartial and proper discharge of his duty in this respect. With respect to the present cases, sitting in the Circuit Court, it is only necessary for me to say, that the present course of practice has been recognised by the Supreme Court, and acted upon in that Court for a number of years, and I am bound to adhere to it here so long as it continues the Rule of the Supreme Court. But I will go further and say, if I were sitting in the Supreme Court, I see so many difficulties in disturbing what has become a settled practice under so vague a rule, and so much danger of rendering the Petty Panel inefficient by transferring from it many of its most intelligent members, who would become entitled to be placed upon the Grand Panel under a more comprehensive interpretation of the Rule in question, that, as at present advised, I would not disturb the practice. I would not, however, be understood as approving of the present qualification; on the contrary, I disapprove of it altogether, and if the Supreme Court, I would endeavour to repeal that Rule, made twenty-four years ago, and substitute a new qualification. The Legislature of the Colony alone can do this now, and I would earnestly recommend this subject as one deserving its best consideration.

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 EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REPORT
 UPON THE PRACTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THIS ISLAND.

St. John's, 25th February, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request to be furnished with my views respecting the practice of the Circuit Courts, I beg to state that, in my opinion, the practice of the Courts, in all parts of the Island, North of Harbor Grace, and South of St. John's, should be as simple and free from technicalities as possible, so as to enable suitors to appear in the Courts of Justice unobstructed by legal forms, and to have a summary and speedy determination of their rights, either with, or without the aid of legal assistance, as the importance of the question to be litigated, or other circumstances, may seem to require.

I leave out of consideration St. John's and Harbor Grace, where professional aid can at all times be had, and confine my remarks principally to the *Travelling Circuit*, though, perhaps, it may be matter for consideration hereafter, how far the refinements of special pleading, intended in the first place to narrow the question or issue to be tried, and thereby save labor, expense of witnesses, and loss of time at the trial, really promote those objects to any great extent; and whether the technical niceties that arise, wholly extrinsic from any merits of the case, do not of themselves cause greater mischiefs than the evils the system was intended to prevent.

The first step towards simplifying the proceedings in the Circuit Courts would be to adopt a plain and summary form of Process applicable to all kinds of Actions; in fact to abolish distinctions of Actions, and not to require any Declaration, Pleadings or Roll, but in all cases an Account or Bill of Particulars of the Plaintiff's demand to be attached to the original process and copy for Defendant. In Actions for debt or common assumpsit, a mere account attached ought to be sufficient. In Trover, a description of the chattels. In Ejectment and Trespass upon Land, &c., a description of the place and injury. In Assault and Battery, time and place—and in Libel and Slander, of course the precise words should be given to enable the Defendant to make his defence.

It is also of great importance to the convenience of Suitors, that causes should be *triable* on the *return day of the Writ*, of course subject to postponement upon application of either party upon reasonable grounds. I think the speedy trial of a cause in which a man's person or goods are attached of still greater importance, than of a cause commenced by Summons only, and have never been able to appreciate the advantage of a longer time given for pleading in the former cases. Its practical effect on Circuit I have known to be to leave cases untried twelve months longer—a Defendant's property being attached all that time, and to make both parties dissatisfied with the injurious delay in the ascertainment of their rights.

The County Courts of England, have from their first institution, had authority to regulate the payment of any Judgment by instalments; also to take the evidence of parties in the cause, and the latter practice has been found so conducive to the ends of justice, that Plaintiff and Defendant, under a recent enactment, are now examined on oath in Trials in the Courts of Westminster.

There appear no just reasons why similar Rules should not be adopted here, and where debts so frequently arise from the delivery on credit, of small articles without any witness, it would appear particularly desirable to make the parties competent witnesses, leaving their *credibility* to the Court or Jury.

In Equity cases on Circuit I think substantial justice might be done by allowing the Plaintiff to commence by Petition containing a brief statement of the complaint without requiring any particular form—such Petition to be answered in writing by the Defendant, and this,

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upon a hearing of the Parties, would enable the Court either to deal with the matter in a summary way, or to settle an issue to be tried by a Jury, before whom the witnesses might be examined *viva voce* as in Actions at Law, and a Decree of the Court be made upon the Verdict.

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES SIMMS.

G. J. HOGSETT, Esq., M. H. A.

ST. JOHN'S, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1853.

DEAR SIR.—At your request I have perused the Bill you intend introducing for amending the Practice in the Circuit Courts.

I have been on five or six Circuits to the North, and one to the South, and have long since been convinced of the necessity of a change in the mode of administering Justice in the Outports. The Rules of the Supreme Court, which apply in part, are inapplicable to the circumstances of the people, and much confusion has resulted from the absence of a uniform system such as you propose. I do not concur in all the details of your Bill, but its leading features I approve.

The following heads embrace my views on this subject:—

The abolition of all distinction in actions; all cases to be summary and determined by the Judge, with liberty to either party to have a Jury; pleadings may be oral, except in set-off, when a full particular should be served and filed, the Writ to state concisely the nature of the claim; parties to be prepared for trial on return day of process, (24 hours, at least, intervening from time of service) unless cause shewn to the contrary, or it should appear reasonable to the Judge to postpone in the absence of either party: Defendant arrested in *Cap. ad Res.* on insolvency, to be discharged or remanded, or if charged in vacation, with short notice to creditors; also, on any other mesne process, Judge may grant Administrations and Probates, his fiat transmitted to Chief Clerk at St. John's to be sufficient for issuing the necessary documents under seal of Supreme Court; Registrars of Deeds to be appointed in the the sections as at present; the Chief Clerks of the Courts to accompany the Judges as heretofore; the Chief Justice empowered to appoint Commissioners for taking affidavits, bail, issuing Process, &c., where necessary; and in places where Courts to be held, with power to issue final Process upon Certificate of Judgment from the Clerks; provision should be made for applying to a Judge in vacation, when necessary, on matters pending in the Courts; Rules returnable in the Supreme Court for new trial to be allowed as now, in matters of debt over £10, and in all special cases upon usual grounds; Sheriffs enabled to place Warrant of Attachment on mesne process in any district. To these points, at present, I would recommend your attention, and feel assured you and your brother members of the profession will produce a measure calculated to confer great benefit upon the people of the Outports, who are certainly complaining of the want of a due administration of Justice amongst them.

Yours truly,

F. B. CARTER.

GEORGE J. HOGSETT, Esq.

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FEBRUARY 25th.

DEAR SIR,—I have hastily looked over the Bill intended to be introduced by you, respecting the alteration in the practice of the Courts of this Island; and as I believe that the same is defective at present, I entirely agree with the principle of the measure. I believe, also, that the more simple the proceedings are in our Courts, the greater will be the facilities for awarding Justice to Suitors.

J. HAYWARD.

GEORGE HOGSETT, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR,—From the experience I have had since the year 1846 of Circuit practice in my judgment, viewing it as a part of a comprehensive system of juridical reform, the Bill, of which you have furnished me with a copy, is a step in the right direction; particularly as it introduces simplicity in the administration of justice, and at one blow annihilates a system of effete and worn-out technicality, altogether below the enlightened spirit of the age. To render it more efficient, I should be inclined to go farther on the march of legal reform. There are four Courts—the Supreme, the Northern, Southern, and Central Circuit Courts—all having equal, concurrent, and independent jurisdiction in this island, except in a few criminal cases. I cannot see the utility of so many separate Courts; in my judgment, it would be much better to have but one Supreme Court controlling and directing the jurisprudence of the whole island, and thus a uniform system of practice and procedure would prevail, as far as the jurisdiction of the Court extended. I would suggest, that besides making the pleadings ore tenus, all actions should be commenced by Plaint, and not by Writ; that would get rid of a great deal of expense which now attends the commencement of a cause. A Suitor in Court on the Circuit is charged 2s. 11d. for a Seal, which consists of a wafer and a piece of blank paper, without even the style of the Court upon it; and the odium of collecting this fee, with others, is thrown upon the professional gentleman who conducts the case for the plaintiff. I cannot see the utility of a seal at all to give vitality to the document by which a suit is commenced; it appears to me a useless form, which has long since survived the reason for its first introduction.

I think the fees in the Sheriff's office, with the exception of those on arrest, ought to be altogether abolished; in a financial point of view the whole amount collected is so insignificant that it is ridiculous to say it forms part of the fund by which the administration of justice is upheld in the Island; whilst in a moral point of view the exaction of a fine in the shape of poundage from a defendant who is unable to pay his own debt, is an inversion of the maxim, that a tax of any sort ought to be collected from the person whose ability to pay is the greater, and not from one who is unwillingly dragged before a Court because he cannot liquidate a present demand of his own.

I would suggest, also, that some alteration should be made in the Law of Arrest and Attachment on mesne process. It appears to me antagonistic to every principle of Justice that a Plaintiff in a cause, upon an ex parte Affidavit, when the debt is over £10, shall be at liberty to deprive the Queen's subject of his personal liberty; and thus in localities where either there is no Commissioner to take bail, or he cannot find security, and so must remain incarcerated until the arrival of a Court which holds its sittings only once a year; and if the

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process of attachment is made use of to commence the suit, the whole of the Defendant's property is swept away upon a one-sided statement, even where there are mutual accounts to await the judgment of a Court which does not open for months after the seizure of property is made.

To secure an efficient system of Registration of Conveyances, besides the District Offices, I would recommend that a Central Office should be established at St. John's, to which memorials of Probates, Letters of Administration, and all Deeds recorded in the Outports should be transmitted. For this purpose it would be necessary to separate the Offices of Clerk of the Court and Registrar of Deeds in St. John's. These are a few of the suggestions which have presented themselves to my mind on a hasty perusal of the draft of your Bill for the amendment of the Proceedings and Practice of the Circuit Northern and Southern Courts.

Very truly Yours,

HARCOURT MOONEY.

G. J. HOGSETT, Esq.,
St. John's, 28th Feby., 1853.

**EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE
INTO THE CLAIMS OF CERTAIN PERSONS FOR WORK DONE ON
THE COLINET LINE OF ROAD.**

Committee Room, 16th March, 1853.

I was engaged in the fall of 1851 in surveying the Colinet line of Road. I gave a contract to Peter Walsh and Robin Fitzpatrick between the South-East arm and Colinet. I examined their work : it was not done according to agreement, nor anything like it. The amount of contract I first gave them amounted to £11 4s. I gave them extra work which would amount to 40s. or thereabouts. I would not have paid them in full for the original contract, were not the additional work, considered as their work, very imperfectly done.

Stephen Miller and Patrick Croke were contractors for lot 24 on the same line of road ; their work amounted to £11 0s. 0d. I considered it fairly done, and they were paid without any impediment. They did work on the same line of road without my authority ; I told them I would not be responsible for it as I had sent a list of the various contracts to the Board. I afterwards recommended them to the Board, and they were allowed £6 1s. 3d. which was paid on the estimate made by me and Mr. Byrne.

John Collins and James Barron contracted for Lot No. 7, Colinet road—that lot would amount to £10. The work was wretchedly done, it could not be otherwise, as these men took no directions from me, they just done as they pleased—they were paid £8.

John Lambe and Nicholas Furlong contracted for No. 49 lot : the amount of work first given would be £8 10 0 ; but when I examined and measured it in presence of Richey the Constable, there were only £7 worth of work done ; I told him he had better finish his work ; he told me he would never go on it again, and I closed the contract with him for £7, which amount has been paid.

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John Blanch and James Kelly contracted for lot 38, Colinet Road: the amount of contract when laid out was £9 1s. The work being something more difficult, I allowed them £10 10, which was 29s. more than the stipulated price, which amount has been paid them. I also gave them extra work to the amount of 20s. Indeed, wherever I gave this addition, it was to enable me to give them the amount of their original contracts.

William Collins and Thomas Blanch contracted for Lot No. 3: the amount was £13 7s, and considering their contract to be an indifferent one, I extended it to £16 10s. which has been paid to them: these men, one at least, since they were paid, had applied to me for work personally and by letter; they never in the remotest degree hinted about any claim.

Richard Wyse and Thomas Hanrick contracted for lot 35. The amount was £12 9s. which was paid them. Never heard of a claim from these men before.

John Doyle and James Doyle contracted for lot 19, Colinet road: the amount was £10, which has been paid them. These men applied to me for more work, stating that they had come a long distance, and had been subjected to considerable trouble and expense, which I was cognizant of. I gave them an extra contract, and pointed it out to them distinctly. When they got me away, they worked upon a part of the road which I did not intend to have done at that time, and when I had discovered that they had broken their agreement with me, I told them I would never pay for it. However, afterwards, I recommended them to the consideration of the Board, and they allowed them £5, which was full the value of what labor they had done.

John Rieley, constable, took a contract to build a Bridge at North Harbor, back river, for which he was to get £15—he did not complete it before it was carried away. The Bridge was not done according to agreement, in size of the materials, in the dimensions of the Bridge, or workmanship. I examined the bridge in the fall of '51. I wrote to Rieley on the subject and stated to him my dissatisfaction. I think I mentioned to him that it should be taken down again. When I met him afterwards, he told me he would do all I desired with it. It would take a fortnight to complete it.

All the contracts were given out in the autumn of 1851, and were to be all completed that year—it was one of the conditions of the contract. There was one general specification for all the work, which had been read to all the contractors at the Court-house, Placentia.

After I examined the work first, and found several of the contracts indifferently done, I gave public notice to all parties whose contracts were in an unfinished state to complete them forthwith or to take the consequences on themselves. Several told me they would never strike a blow on them. I passed all that were done near the mark.

JOHN DELANEY.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, }
18th March, 1853. }

PETER WALSH—

I and Fitzpatrick took a contract from Mr. Delaney on the Colinet line of Road in the fall of 1851. We finished that contract and were paid for it the sum of £11 4s. Mr. De-

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laney then desired me to gravel a marsh near Delaney's river, and also clear the turf off of 20 feet of dry ground adjoining the said marsh, and that when I had done it he would be there to pass it. I and Fitzpatrick then set to work and gravelled 25 perches; we also did 8 perches of diking which Mr. Delaney instructed us to do. Mr. Delaney promised to be back to inspect the work in about 6 days or 10 at the farthest. This work was fit for inspection on the 10th day of November, but Mr. Delaney did not come to inspect it that year, nor did he ever inspect it in my presence. Mr. Delaney promised to pay me 3s. a perch for graveling, and 2s. per perch for diking, which would make the amount of £5 11s. due us for this work. Mr. Delaney did not visit the road from the time he gave me the last contract until the month of October 1852. On Mr. Delaney's arrival in Great Placentia in the month of October last year, I and Fitzpatrick called on Mr. Delaney at his lodgings and asked for payment for our work, when he desired us to get a line and go and measure the work and bring the particulars of the measurement to him. The particulars were inserted in the bill which we gave to Mr. Delaney, who told us that we would get an order for the money as soon as Mr. Byrne, the surveyor, would arrive at Great Placentia. We have never been paid any part of the amount. Mr. Delaney passed the first contract the fall of 1851, without any complaints, and gave us an order for our payment.

The above statement is correct in all particulars.

his
PETER \times WALSH.
mark.

his
ROBERT \times FITZPATRICK.
mark.

Witnessed—being first read and explained.

John Stuart.

**EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO TAKE
INTO CONSIDERATION THE BILL FOR THE REGULATION OF
THE SEAL FISHERY.**

Committee Room, 7th May, 1853.

ROBERT ALSOP Esq., examined.

I think there is a necessity for a law to regulate the Seal Fishery. The regulations I would propose are simple. I would compel all men to perform the agreements they voluntarily enter into, and for this purpose I would give power to the Magistrates, in case of the neglect or refusal of a man to carry out his agreement, to summon such man, and commit him, as in the case of merchant seamen, unless good cause be shown for such breach of agreement. I would consider the insufficiency of the ship fair cause of justification for desertion. This arrangement, I believe, would be perfectly satisfactory to the great bulk of the men. I would prohibit any vessel sailing on the voyage prior to the 1st. March.

ROBERT ALSOP.

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H. K. DICKENSON, Esq.,

I have heard the evidence given by Mr. Alsop, and concur in what he says on the subject of the sealing regulations. I would further suggest that the number of the crews be limited, and that each vessel should take a certain number of boys, proportioned to the size of the vessel.

HENRY K. DICKENSON.

Captain JOHN WALSH.

“ JAS. STAPLETON.

“ W. TAYLOR.

“ L. GERAN.

We have heard the evidence given by Mr. Alsop, and concur therein. A great evil arises from the insubordination of crews, from which cause vessels are frequently taken possession of and brought home, when there is yet ample time for the successful prosecution of a voyage. The interests of the Seal Fishery, in which master and man are alike concerned, render it necessary that the men, though parties in the voyage, should be placed in the position of servants, and subject, in all respects, to the legitimate authority of the master of the ship. Unless due subordination be maintained, the voyage cannot be effectually or successfully prosecuted. While desirous of seeing these views carried out, we wish, also, to provide that the master shall be bound to act within the proper scope of his authority and duty to the crew.

L. GERAN.

J. STAPLETON.

W. P. TAYLOR.

J. WALSH.

 EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE PETITION OF JOHN STUART, CLAIMING COMPENSATION FOR COST INCURRED IN IMPROVING RENNIE STUART & Co's. COVE.

April 18.

JOHN STUART, Esq., examined.

In the year 1847 I applied to Mr. Crowdy for leave to fill up a part of Rennie Stuart & Co's. Cove, and stated to him that it had become a receptacle for filth; and if allowed to remain in the state it then was, it would be perfectly useless to the public, being unapproachable for a fire engine, in the event of fire, and dangerous to the health of the neighbourhood, from the constant accumulation of nuisance. He consented to my request, and accordingly the work was performed by me in a solid and substantial manner, at a cost of £186 currency. The levels I took by direction of Robert Carter, Esq., Supervisor of Streets, who, during the progress of the work, frequently examined it, and upon his suggestions I acted.

Previous to commencing, I had leased the eastern portion of Rennie Stuart & Co's premises to Messrs. Dunscomb & Harvey, but I was not bound to fill up the Cove so as to give them an entrance; neither do I receive any additional rent in consequence.

The owners of property on the other side of the Cove profit from the improvement, having thereby obtained an entrance to their premises, which, had this not been done, must have been taken from the frontage on Water-street.

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The convenience to the public is unquestioned ; all nuisance has been removed, boats can moor at all times of the tide, and easy access to water has been secured in the event of fire. Although undertaking without promise of reimbursement, I think myself justly entitled thereto, as large sums of money have been spent and are daily expending on the public Coves ; and had I not completed this work, it would have been done at the public cost ere this. I conclude so, from the circumstance of this being the only Cove in town upon which no improvement had been made, and from the dense population of the west end, being justly entitled to the same amount of consideration as residents in other parts of the town.

I would also beg to call your attention to the fact that work done by private individuals, on their own responsibility, has, when found of great public utility, been paid for by the Government.

JOHN STUART.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
17th April, 1853. }

Mr. JOHN EAGAN, examined.

Has resided in the neighbourhood of Rennie, Stuart & Co's. Cove for twenty years.

The Cove was at the of the fire of 1846 a receptacle for filth, dangerous to approach by horses and carts, and perfectly useless for any public purpose. In 1845, owing to the fall from the centre of Water-street into the Cove, a man was dangerously hurt, and is to this day a cripple, by the upsetting of a slide of wood.

I consider the filling up of the Cove a great public benefit.

1st—It has removed every nuisance.

2nd—Boats can land and embark property at the breast-work at all times.

3rd—In the event of fire a full supply of water can be obtained. Property could be saved in boats over the breast-work, which was formerly impossible. Had it not been for the sewer under ground filled up being capacious and properly built, much damage would have resulted in Sept., 1852, and March of the present year, to the streets in the neighbourhood, as the heavy flood from Barter's Hill, not finding vent from the main sewer of Queen Street, burst over the streets, but meeting with the sewer before mentioned, passed into the harbor without doing anyconsiderable damage. Had this sewer not been there the damage to Water Street and other streets in the neighbourhood would have been very great.

JOHN EAGAN.

April 18, 1853.

JAMES CULLEN, Esq., examined,—

Has heard the evidence of John Eagan and can coincide in all that has been stated. There was no public cove at that time which could be open to the inhabitants of the west

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end of the town but the one referred to. Previously to the improvement made upon it by Mr. Stuart, it was an intolerable nuisance, and to have improved it as it has been, must have entailed a large expense. There was no improvement upon any cove in the neighbourhood or in that part of the town. The improvements made in this cove, have been a permanent advantage to that part of the town.

JAMES CULLEN.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
20th April, 1853. }

JAMES DOUGLAS, Esq.,

Is well acquainted with the Cove at Rennie Stuart & Co's. It is a public cove, and previous to the improvement made by Mr. Stuart, was a perfect nuisance, and a receptacle for rubbish of every sort, and not available for any useful purpose; in fact it was dangerous and quite unfit for any public use. Since the year 1847, however, the great improvements made on that cove by Mr. Stuart, has rendered what was previously a nuisance, a vast public benefit—affording a landing place to that locality; and boats now avail of that cove which before was inaccessible, and indeed the improvements in that cove have altered the appearance of the street so much, by the widening of it, as to make it one of the most commodious coves leading from Water Street. In addition to the filling and piling, which must have created a heavy outlay—an excellent drain has been built from the north side of the street to the harbour, which has the effect of drawing off the water flowing from the higher ground in that neighbourhood. Has estimated the probable cost, which could not be much less, in his opinion, than about £150 currency. Examinant is Chairman of the Road Board for the Central District, and from his knowledge of the cost of road work, he does not believe that he could get the same improvement made under the sum mentioned. It was an essentially necessary work, and would no doubt some time or another have been compelled to be executed at the public expense. Similar improvements have been made at the public expense in several of the coves of the town.

JAMES DOUGLAS.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENED.

THE PETITION OF GEORGE WEBBER,—Humbly sheweth,—

That Your petitioner is an old public servant, fifteen years having elapsed since he became a schoolmaster under the amalgamated board of Education in Trinity; that he subsequently served in Pouch Cove, and finally in Saint John's where in 1843 he was appointed to establish a board school, having previously underwent examination with five other candidates for that office.

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That your petitioner succeeded in establishing the said school, and conducted it satisfactorily for years ; during which time it was approved of by the Board of Education, and by all interested in the welfare of the Institution.

That the advertisement for masters in 1843 stated the salary for the St. John's school to be from £80 to £100 currency, which last amount was promised whenever the vacation grant would be augmented, but never granted your petitioner, notwithstanding repeated applications made for that purpose.

That a large supply of school books and appliances was destroyed by the fire of 1846, and never replaced by a second importation ; consequently the school was never afterwards supplied as such Institutions should be wherever efficiency or utility is expected or required.

That the half-yearly examinations, as prescribed by the bye laws, were regularly conducted during the time of the late Richard Barnes Esq., after which they ceased to be enforced, but your petitioner had reason to believe that those, few and irregular, by which they were succeeded, were satisfactory up to 1849.

That to this time the school fee system, as settled by the Legislature was in operation, (orphans and very poor children excepted) but the penny a week system was then introduced to be enforced from all, which at once effected the expulsion of the poorest children, and caused the most respectable class to be removed, who were succeeded by a constantly changing school, irregular in attendance, and much more difficult to instruct.

That to the causes above mentioned, viz. : the want of necessary books and appliances, the omission of regular examination, and the injurious change of the school fee system, aided by the embarrassed circumstances of your petitioner, whose means increased not with his family, may be fairly attributed the declension which naturally followed, but the hope was entertained that under new regulations such evils would be remedied, and the Institution regain its long sustained character.

That your petitioner has to complain that when some such favourable changes were being effected, he was summarily dismissed without warning or reason to him assigned, and this at the near approach of winter, with no means of support for his large and helpless family.

That your petitioner feels that his character has been injured, his professional prospects blighted, and the means of support wrested from him by the exercise of a principle not based upon justice ; he therefore humbly prays that his case may be taken into consideration, and that your honourable House will do in the premises as may seem meet.

And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

GEORGE WEBBER.

1843.—Advertisement for School Masters, salary £80 to £100, currency. Examined with others, and appointed to establish the St. John's school at £80 currency, but promised the increase.

1844.—School prosperous. School-room found too small.

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1845.—School-house built, and dwelling-house promised; meantime directed to repair Mr. Pitts' house, to be repaid when the Board would be in funds. Expended £44 for this purpose, only £20 of which amount was refunded me.

1846.—School-books destroyed by the fire, and never replaced by a second importation. Half-yearly examinations, as prescribed by the bye-laws, continued up to this time. During the late Mr. Barnes' illness, and after his death, three years elapsed with but two examinations: they were satisfactory, and I was complimented by the Board. Increase of salary promised when the grant would be augmented.

1849.—Up to this time the fee system as settled by the Legislature was 5s. per annum, under which the school prospered. The 1d. a week system was then enforced, against which I had remonstrated. H. P. Thomas, Esq., remarked that as the chairman desired the change, I should try it, but would not be blamed for the result. The better class of children soon after left the school, and were succeeded by others more irregular in attendance. Applications for books, slates, and so forth, not attended to, I felt discouraged and depressed in spirit.

1850.—Revd. Messrs. Botterell and Schofield inspected the school. Three boys had to read from one book—two grammars and one geography only in the school. I stated the causes of failure, and Mr. Botterell desired me to send them in writing, but I feared to do so, as they would involve the chairman.

Received a supply of Newfoundland school books; they were not suitable for the first and second classes—none others were supplied then.

Fell into pecuniary difficulties, and was harshly blamed by the chairman.

1851.—Proposed to the Secretary to be removed to an Outport at the same salary, if it could not be increased in St. John's, or rent paid. Was recommended by the Chairman for the Burin Grammar School; heard of some difference and refused to go; the Chairman was angry. Resolution passed that I should be removed to Lance Cove. Rescinded in favor of the Bishop's servant then acting pro tem. It was then urged by some members of the Board that if retained in St. John's, I would be entitled to my increase.

Received a note from the Chairman stating that I should remain in St. John's and receive my increase the following spring, 1852. Heard nothing more until May, when I met the Chairman on the street, who stated that the promised increase could not be afforded as so many schools were to be established; but found no fault with me. A few weeks after when drawing my quarter's bill, he told me not to draw for so much again, as less than £80 should do me, and no Inspection had taken place that spring. I was surprised, and appealed to several members of the Board and other gentlemen, from whom I learned that injurious insinuations had been made by the Chairman at the first meeting of the Central Board; but was promised that nothing should be done to my prejudice without a fair hearing. That the Chairman seemed bent upon having me removed, but would not be able to effect it. Shortly after a Committee of the Central Board Inspected the school, and witnessed the dearth of books, the necessity for repairs and improvements; they listened to my statement and promised all I required, expressing surprise that the new rules had not been forwarded to me up to that time.

In a few days I received the rules, and two weeks after some books. The following day the School was visited by the Chairman and two more gentlemen of the Board;

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and the following Friday I received a note of dismissal from the Secretary: School numbered between 70 and 80 children on the books; attendance from 40 to 60 children. I told the Chairman that I would appeal, and he replied I may do so, he would take care of that (or words to that effect.) The present Master was kept in waiting for my situation. I wish him to be examined as to the supply of books, &c., and the state of the school furniture when he took charge. Let the question be put (excepting the new supply) was it possible to conduct a School properly with things as he found them?

GEORGE WEBBER.

I respectfully submit that the allegations of my petition and other statements receive confirmation from the dates and character of the Board reports.

Having affirmed that the 1d. a week system was enforced in 1849 against my strong remonstrance, and that it had a ruinous effect, but that previous to that period the school had been prosperous, and that the examinations were wayward and irregular, I beg to refer you to the 7th line of the first submitted report. The fact is, the best class children had left the school, owing to the change, and were succeeded by an irregular and constantly changing class, many of whom would bring their partly written copy books from inferior schools; with a casual attendance of such recruits, discipline was hard to be enforced.

The same observations would apply to the 2nd report, with the additional remarks, that having failed in getting my promised increase of salary, being disappointed by not being provided with a dwelling in connection with the school, finding the school neglected, and that my applications for Books, &c., were not attended to as they should have been. I suggested to the Rev. G. Schofield, that if such a state of things continued, I would be better enabled to live in an outport, and would wish to be removed, provided the same salary was continued. I was informed that I should be thus removed: candour might have prompted that such a fact should be noticed in a subsequent resolution, and the same candour would have suggested the propriety, when reporting upon the deficiency of books, that I stated at the time, that my written application had been made for a supply nearly twelve months previous to the examination. Applications had also been made to get the school painted, walls whitewashed &c., and also for sweeping brooms which were not supplied as formerly. With regard to the weaving, the Board might have known that the Teacher had left the country months before. I should not have been blamed for that.

With regard to the special meeting of the Board, July 23rd 1851, it should have been stated that it was at my suggestion that the removal to an outport was my own suggestion; and further that I had stipulated that less than £80 should not be allowed me, and it was so arranged; but upon reconsideration, a menial was continued in office at Lance Cove, although the Rev. George Schofield said that he was not fit for the situation.

Why a repetition of the injurious report of July 1851 should be made in a special meeting report, I cannot conceive, unless to make a deeper impression; but still more unaccountable is the fact that I should be strongly recommended for the Burin Grammar School by the Ven. the Archdeacon after such report was recorded; it may nevertheless be proved by Mr. Benning and Mr. McGill.

The Report of the Central Board Committee was fair and candid, and considering the class of children, not discreditable. The desks standing alone had worked loose, but I had previously applied for firmer fixtures. The new rules and books were then promised, and the promise was fulfilled, but I was dismissed before I could avail myself of such advantage. I

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presume it is not expected that I repeat statements already made. I was assured by H. P. Thomas, Esq., that I should not be blamed for the effects of the altered fee system, as the Archdeacon wished to have it tried.

GEORGE WEBBER.

 LETTER FROM ARCHDEACON BRIDGE IN REFERENCE TO THE PETITION
OF GEORGE WEBBER.

Office of the Protestant Central Board of Education, }
St. John's, April 22nd 1853. }

SIR.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to transmit herewith copies of Reports made from time to time of the state of the school in Magotty Cove in this town, whilst under the charge of Mr. George Webber, which, it is hoped and believed, will sufficiently explain the reasons for which, on the recommendation of the local Board of Education for the district of St. John's, the members of the Protestant Central Board of Education unanimously concurred in the necessity of dismissing him from the situation of master of that school.

I beg at the same time to state that the Boards of Education were in possession of many other instances of neglect and misconduct on the part of Mr. George Webber, in relation to the school, than those which have been introduced into any written Reports.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

Chairman.

To the Hon. James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary.

Magotty Cove School, St. John's.

A. D. 1850.—On the last inspection of this school on the 8th of April last, the members of the Board present thereat, viz.,—the Rev. T. F. H. Bridge, Chairman, the Rev. Geo. Schofield, Secretary, and Messrs. H. P. Thomas, and N. Stabb, did not discern that degree of progress among the scholars which they hoped for, and which, from previous examinations, they had expected. The children of the upper classes, both boys and girls read well, their spelling was good, and they were able to explain the sense of what they had read. Their answers to the questions proposed to them in

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Arithmetic and Geography, *viva voce*, and on slates, did not satisfy the Board. The character of their writing, and the state of their copy books, exhibited a want of care. The discipline of the school was not satisfactory.

A. D. 1851.—Present—Rev. E. Botterell, and Rev. George Schofield.

The inspectors examined the 1st class of boys in reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Geography with use of Maps: also the 2nd Class boys in Reading, Spelling, and Writing. The writing of the 1st class was better than on last examination, and several of the Boys showed considerable acquaintance with the Maps. There was also much more of order and quietness in the school than on former occasions. The Inspectors deeply regret that this is all the commendation they can bestow. Most of the boys in the 1st class read very imperfectly in the New Testament, their spelling was bad, their knowledge of Arithmetic varied, but in the most cases inaccurate. The 2nd class read badly in the ordinary class book; they spelt still worse, and not one of them could write his name on its being dictated. It was said they were in simple Addition in Arithmetic, but they were not put to the test. The Inspectors were grieved to see the shamefully dirty condition of the School-room floor, and were surprised at the dearth of school books. The boys in the 1st class had no Reading Books beside the New Testament, except one class book and two halves, all three without backs. They were also surprised and sorry to find that the weaving apparatus had been unused for three months. There were from 30 to 40 children present,

July 23rd 1851.

At a Special meeting of the Board held this day—Present—Rev. T. F. H. Bridge, Rev. E. Botterell, Rev. George Schofield, and H. P. Thomas, Esqr.—

It was resolved—That as soon as another teacher can be procured for the School at Maggotty Cove, Mr. Webber be removed to Lance Cove, with a salary of from £70 to £75 per annum, with use of the school house at a rent of £6 0s. 0d. per annum, the Board engaging any reasonable sum for the expense of his removal.

The Board regret that their last examination of this school on the 16th of June does not justify them in speaking favourably of the general progress and condition of the Pupils. Their Reading and Spelling were very imperfect. Their knowledge of Arithmetic varied, and they exhibited much deficiency in writing or dictation. The discipline of the school was improved; the state of the school room was such as indicated a want of carefulness in the important matter of cleanliness.

October 22nd, 1852.

Present—Archdeacon Bridge, Revd. E. Botterell, Rev. George Schofield, N. Stabb, Esq.—
B. Robinson, Esq.—

It was Resolved—That this Board cannot recommend the continuance of Mr. and Mrs. Webber as Master and Mistress of Maggotty Cove School—but as Mr. Webber has held his situation for many years, the Board would suggest that he be paid his salary to the end of the quarter, and that another Master be at once appointed to that School.

Oct. 29th, 1852.

Present—Archdeacon Bridge, Rev. George Schofield, Revd. E. Botterell, Rev. F. Nicol,
N. Stabb, Esq., H. P. Thomas, Esq.

Select Committees.

That a copy of the following Resolution be sent to Mr. Webber.

SIR,—I am desired to inform you that the Protestant Central Board of Education have this day reported to this Board that they have found it their duty to remove you and Mrs. Webber from your situations in the Magotty Cove School, and I have therefore to request that you will deliver the key of the School-room to me, or at my house, in the course of Tomorrow.

I have also to acquaint you that your salary for the current quarter will be paid.

Signed,

G. SCHOFIELD.

Mr. George Webber.

CHARLES SIMMS

EXTRACTS OF A REPORT OF INSPECTION of the Magotty Cove School by a deputation of the Central Board.

Rev. J. S. Addy, and Messrs. Hayward, Harvey, Simms, and Job—September, 1852.

The first class was examined in the several branches taught. The reading was not good, the spelling fair, geography very defective, cyphering tolerable, writing the same. The second class resembled the first in its relative progress. The progress of the girls under Miss Webber was more promising than that of the boys, as far as we could judge from a slight glance at the cyphering of the first class. The Committee found the desks inconvenient to write upon, and suggest that an improvement be made in their position. The Committee, while they admit the irregular attendance of the scholars as a serious cause of their slow progress in learning, are persuaded that a better system of tuition ought to be introduced.

Signed,

JOHN S. ADDY.

EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF
GEORGE WEBBER, &c.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
April 29th, 1853. }

NICHOLAS STABB, Esq.—

Knows nothing against George Webber's moral character to prevent him filling a situation of teacher elsewhere ; but it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that it was their duty to dismiss him from the Magotty Cove School ; great improvement has taken place in that school since Mr. Webber's dismissal.

Signed,

NICHOLAS STABB.

Select Committees.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 29, 1853. }

CHARLES SIMMS, Esq.

Is a member of the Central Board of Education—Was present at an examination of the School in September 1852.

The appurtenances of the School were not what they ought to be, and the School was particularly deficient of books; there was but one copy of a class-book for the whole school. Has no reason to believe that those deficiencies were the fault of the master. The furniture was either not fit, or was worn out; the wall required whitewashing, and renovating. I presume it would be the duty of the Board to rectify those deficiencies on the application of the master, I have no reason to doubt the competency of Mr. Webber for the mastership of such a School; and believe him to be a man of good character.

Signed,

CHARLES SIMMS.

EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE
INTO THE PETITION OF THE SECOND CLASS TIDE-WAITERS.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
4th April, 1853. }

Mr. CANNING in attendance.—

There are two classes of Tide-waiters—the 1st. class receive about, or an an average, £50 sterling, per annum; and the 2nd. class average about £15 sterling, besides the £12 10s. sterling from the Legislature; the latter are never employed whilst the 1st. class are unemployed. There is great difficulty in remedying the system at present in operation, with regard to the 2nd. class Tide-waiters. Indeed, I can scarcely suggest any mode. The Lockers receive a salary of £20 each, besides daily pay when employed; and if the second class tide-waiters were paid the same amount, I think it would not be too much, under all the existing circumstances. They now receive about £27 altogether, which, I think too little for their support, unless they could employ their leisure time to advantage, and I believe many of them cannot. Let them take their chances, but not to be bound to attend constantly for the proposed sum.

With the present men I could recommend no better plan; but more efficient work would be performed by 14 able-bodied men, who should not be younger than 22 years, and not older than 35, when taken into service, which are the standard in the Imperial Customs.

Would recommend, when practicable, that there should be two classes, of 7 each, paid about from 40 to 50 pounds sterling each, whose whole time should be devoted to the Customs.

JOHN CANNING.

Select Committees.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
April 19, 1853 }

G. J. HAYWARD, Esq., attended.

Is Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws. There are two classes of Tide-waiters ; believes the second class to be very inadequately paid, with regard to the responsible duties they have to perform ; thinks that if they had £20 as a fixed salary, each, in addition to their chances, it would be more satisfactory. Does not think that the two classes ought to be made one, because it would do, in his opinion, an injustice to the elder officers of the first class, whose length of services ought to be taken into consideration ; but an amalgamation of the two classes would not detract from the efficiency of the public service, as some of the second class are by no means inferior to the best men of the first.

G. J. HAYWARD.

EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE
INTO THE PETITIONS OF ELLEN FOLEY AND PATRICK DOUTNEY.

Committee-Room,
29th April, 1853. }

G. F. BOWN, Esq., examined,—

Mrs. Foley's house, burnt down on the 9th June, 1846 ; situate south side of Duckworth Street, was commenced to be rebuilt in the same month immediately after the fire ; and she had it sufficiently finished to reside in it in the autumn of that year ; the frame was put up very shortly after the building was commenced, and it was nearly one of the first buildings erected in that neighbourhood after the fire. It is a large two-story substantial house ; when it was put up both lumber and labour were high in price. The former building that stood on the same site was constructed of wood.

Signed,

G. F. BOWN.

MRS. ELLEN FOLEY—

I hold the land on which my house is built from Mr. Nicholas Gill. About twelve months before the fire of 1846, I gave him £90 to increase my lease for 20 years ; my annual rent is £15. Immediately after fire of 1846, I commenced the erection of my present house on the site of the one destroyed by the fire. By the first of August in that year the frame had been erected, the house had been boarded, the roof covered, and the greater part of the building completed, so that by the 1st September myself and family were living in it. It is a large

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house, and owing to the high price of labor and materials, it cost me about £1000. I am not bound by my lease to build a brick or stone erection on the ground. I have not the means to brick my building and slate it, and I should be ruined if I were obliged to take it down. I am satisfied to give security for bricking and slating it, if I get means for that purpose.

Signed,

ELLEN FOLEY.

PATRICK KENNEY —

I worked at the erection of Mrs. Foley's building, south side of Duckworth Street: commenced to clear away the foundation eight or nine days after the fire of 1846. The frame was put up immediately and the building was run up by six carpenters as rapidly as possible, so as to get shelter for the family. The old chimney was left standing, and the family were living in the house between the middle of August and first September. It must have been covered in by the first of August, as we worked constantly night and day to make it fit for the family to remove into it.

(Signed)

PATRICK KENNEY.

JAMES BYRN of St. John's, Carpenter—

Was employed a short time after the fire of 1846, by Mrs. Foley, by the day, in assisting to put up and complete her dwelling-house on the south side of Duckworth Street. He remained at that work for about two or three months; does not know when he commenced work; was paid therefor at the rate of 6s. 6d. a day by Mrs. Foley. His work consisted of making doors, windows, sashes, laying floors, putting up partitions, &c. She had several other carpenters employed in the house in the same way. The work was speeded to completion to enable her to get into the house as soon as was practicable, as she was then houseless. The house was covered by the first of August 1846.

(Signed)

JAMES BYRN.

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 Committee-Room,
 28th April, 1853. }

Mr. PATRICK JORDAN—

That in the month of June, 1846, between the 27th and 29th, I gave Mr. Doutney 1 M. lumber to enable his building the house which he now occupies, on the south-side of Duckworth-street, which lumber I saw deposited on the ground, and used in the erection of the said dwelling-house. The dwelling-house was commenced in the month of June, but Mr. Doutney was unable to complete it until the fall, owing to his not being able to procure the services of carpenters. Mr. Doutney occupied the said dwelling-house, and kept school there in the month of October, 1846.

(Signed)

PATRICK JORDAN.

 Committee-Room,
 April 28th, 1853. }

Mr. PATRICK DOUTNEY—

My house, on the south-side of Duckworth-street, was destroyed by the fire of the 9th June, 1846. My term is 23 years from 1844, when I obtained a renewal of my lease. After the fire the chimney was left standing, as well as the foundation; and as soon after as my means would permit, I re-built the house on the same foundation, except that it was built four and a-half inches further in from the road than the old one, to enable me to brick it when the Government would give me means to do so. Mr. Carter, the Supervisor, told me that my house could not be interfered with, and that my being compensated for any loss I would sustain. It cost me in the erection £150, being a two story house; my sons and I have taught school on the same place for 29 years, and have never received a shilling from the Government, though we sustained considerable losses. It would be ruinous to me if I were obliged to take down my house, and without compensation or means from the Government. I cannot brick the building, and cover it with unflammable material. My ground-rent is £15 a year; Mr. Newman of London is my landlord; Mr. Hoyles the agent. It would cost £100 to enclose it, according to the Act. I am willing to give security, if that sum be paid me, that I will cover it as the law requires. The house was completed, and I was living in it before the end of October, 1846, and part of the lumber was on the ground on the 20th June, 1846, and the workmen were at work shortly after that.

(Signed)

PATRICK DOUTNEY.

Witnesses

That in the month of June, 1848, between the 27th and 30th, I gave Mr. Douniey, Mr. Douniey to enable him building the house which he now occupies, on the south side of Duck-wood-street, which lumber I saw deposited on the ground, and used in the erection of the said dwelling-house. The dwelling-house was commenced in the month of June, but Mr. Douniey was unable to complete it until the fall, owing to his not being able to procure the various of carpenters. Mr. Douniey occupied the said dwelling-house, and kept school there, in the month of October, 1848.

(Signed)

PATRICK JORDAN

My house, on the north side of Duckwood-street, was destroyed by the fire, the 11th June, 1848. My term is 23 years from 1814, when I obtained a lease of my house. At that time the chimney was not standing, as well as the foundation; and as soon after as my means would permit, I rebuilt the house on the same foundation, except that it was built four feet and a-half inches higher in front than the old one, to enable me to drink it when the Government would give me means to do so. Mr. Carter, the Surveyor, told me that my house could not be insured with, and that my being compensated for any loss I would sustain. It cost me in the erection £150, being a two-story house; my sons and I have taught school on the same place for 23 years, and have never received a shilling from the Government, though we sustained considerable losses. It would be tedious to me if I were obliged to take down my house, and without compensation or means from the Govern-ment. I cannot brick the building, and cover it with unworkable material. My ground-lease is £10 a year; Mr. Lewman of London is my landlord; Mr. Hayes the agent. It would cost £100 to enclose it according to the Act, and I am willing to give security that I will cover it as the law requires. The house was completed, and I was living in it before the end of October, 1848, and part of the lumber was on the ground on the 27th June, 1848, and the workmen were at work shortly after that time.

(Signed)

PATRICK DOUNIEY

WITNESSES

St. John's Hospital.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,
17th Jan., 1853.)

SIR,—I have the honor of forwarding to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the account current of the St. John's Hospital, shewing the receipts and disbursements of that Institution for the past year.

The Directors have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of £100 from the Legislature, intended as an annual grant, in lieu of the yearly dues formerly levied upon the fishermen and shoremen of this district. This grant will remove much cause of dissatisfaction on the part of this industrious body, many of whom contribute annually to the Hospital from their earnings at the seal fishery.

The Directors have the gratification of acquainting his Excellency that the receipts of the past year have been sufficient to meet all the liabilities of the year, and to leave a balance in favor of the Institution of £40 18s. 11d.

But whilst thus expressing their satisfaction, the Directors are unanimously of opinion that the existing Act is susceptible of much improvement; and would suggest the re-consideration of some of the principles of a Bill introduced in a former session of the Legislature, which, if carried into law, would tend much to augment the usefulness of this Institution.

The Directors would respectfully call the attention of His Excellency to the present dilapidated state of the Hospital buildings, which will soon be such as to render them quite unfit to receive patients; and as the present limited income of the Institution is wholly inadequate to meet the expenses requisite to place the buildings in a sound and efficient condition, the Directors would earnestly submit to the consideration of his Excellency, the urgent necessity of bringing this subject under the notice of the Legislature, with a view to a suitable grant of money being voted for that purpose.

The estimated cause of these repairs is £468.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. F. BENNETT, President.

To the Hon. JAMES CROWDY,
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c.

St. John's Hospital.

THE ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE DIRECTORS.

1852.	DR.				
Jan. 7.—To cash					
	Paid James Cullen, 1849	.....	£2	11	6
10.—	" P. & L. Tessier, 1 Bbl. Pork	.....	3	16	0
14.—	" Bowring Brothers, 91 yards Calico	1 2 9			
	14 yards Bank Line	..... 0 1 3	1	4	0
15.—	" Cash paid Catherine Walsh	.....	1	0	0
20.—	" Jonas Barter for Coffins 1851	.....	18	9	3
					—27 0 9
Feb. 10.—	" Cash paid for Eggs	.....	0	5	0
	" " paid Funeral fees	.....	0	12	6
					0 17 6
20.—	" " Job, Brothers & Co., 10 pair Blankets at 23s.	.....	11	10	0
Mar. 18.—	" McKay and McKenzie, 30 hhds Coals at 9	.....	13	10	0
	" Baine, Johnston & Co., 4 qts. Codfish at 11s.	.....	2	4	0
	" Cash paid cartage of coals	.....	0	15	0
					—27 19 0
April 1.—	" Mary Murphy, Milk, quarter ending March 31st	.....	3	7	1
	" Edward Kielley, surgeon, salary quarter ending 31st	.....		
	March	.....	31	5	0
	" Frederick Bunting, keeper, salary quarter ending	.....		
	31st March	.....	18	15	0
	" John Rohan, salary, quarter ending 31st March...	.....	6	5	0
	" Catherine Walsh, wages, quarter ending 31st	.....		
	March	.....	3	0	0
	" Bridget Coady, wages, quarter ending 31st March	.....	3	0	0
	" Duncan Weir, groceries, quarter ending 31st do.	.....	25	13	8
	" James Murray, bread, quarter ending 31st March	.....	21	14	2
	" Redmond Brine, beef, quarter ending 31st March	.....	16	3	0
					—129 2 11
7.—	" Walter Green, Treasurer, paid Westcott per acct.	.....	0	11	8
	" Paid Maccasy for coals	.....	5	10	0
	" Paid E. D. Shea, printing	.....	3	7	6
					—9 9 2
10.—	" Cash paid Hoyles, law expenses	.....		
					0 7 9
16.—	" Cash for 2 bls. potatoes	.....	0	16	0
	" for 2 bls. turnips	.....	0	8	0
	" Cartage	.....	0	1	0
					—1 5 0
June 10.—	" Cash paid for fresh fish	.....	3	0	0
	" Thomas Glen, salary one year to 1st July	.....	50	0	0
	Office rent	.....	10	0	0
					—63 0 0
July 1.—	" Mary Murphy, for milk, quarter ending 30th June	.....	4	15	6
	" Walter Grieve, paid fees Roman Catholic Cemetery	.....	1	0	0
	" Edward Kielley, salary quarter ending 31st June	.....	31	5	0
	" Frederick Bunting, ditto ditto	.....	18	15	0
	" John Rohan, ditto ditto	.....	6	5	0
	" Catherine Wash, ditto ditto	.....	3	0	0
	" Bridget Coady ditto ditto	.....	3	0	0
					—62 5 0
	" Duncan Weir, groceries, ditto ditto	.....	17	6	11
	" Redmond Brien, beef, ditto ditto	.....	16	1	5
	" James Murray, bread, ditto ditto	.....	25	2	6
					—58 10 10
					Carried forward..... £385 13 5

St. John's Hospital.

	Brought forward.....	£385 13 5
July 7.—To Cash paid for eggs	0 5 0	
" Walter Grieve, paid for 1 tierce Porter	2 11 0	
10.—" Cash paid for 1 brl. flour	1 18 0	4 14 0
12.—" Bowring Brothers, 8 yards diaper	£0 7 0	
6 do. shirting	0 4 0	
15 do. calico	0 8 9	
3 do. gingham	0 2 3	
needles	0 0 9	
78 do. calico	0 18 9	2 1 6
15.—" Cash paid funeral expenses, Maynard	0 12 6	
30.—" George Lovies, 76 hhds. coal at 7s. 6d.	28 10 0	31 4 0
" Cash paid for a brl. herring	0 14 0	
" paid for a diet table	1 10 0	2 4 0
Aug. 13.—" Cash paid Robert Prowse for use of the Com- tee Room	2 10 0	
15.—" Walter Grieve, paid Catherine Walsh	1 10 0	
" Cash paid for eggs	5 0	
" Cash paid Bridget Coady	1 10 0	5 15 0
Sept. 1.—" Cash paid advertising in <i>Courier</i>	0 12 6	
" Cash paid advertising in <i>Morning Post</i>	0 17 6	
" Cash paid advertising in <i>Patriot</i>	0 10 0	
" Cash paid advertising in <i>Ledger</i>	0 10 8	
" Cash paid advertising in <i>Newfoundlander</i>	0 16 8	3 7 4
30.—" Cash paid for 75 loads sand		1 5 0
Oct. 1.—" Edward Kielley, salary, quarter ending 30th Sept.	31 5 0	
" Frederick Bunting, salary, do. do. do.	18 15 0	
" John Rohan, salary, do. do. do.	6 5 0	
" Mary Murphy, milk, do. do. do.	7 16 7	
" Duncan Weir, Groceries, do. do. do.	20 15 5	
" James Murray, bread, do. do. do.	17 9 9	
" Redmond Brien, beef, do. do. do.	20 3 7	
" Walter Grieve, paid Catherine O'Mara	1 10 0	} 3 0 0
" paid J. McCormack	1 10 0	
" cash paid R. C. Cemetery	1 0 0	125 10 4
" paid Mason work	2 0 0	
" paid for sand	0 2 0	3 2 0
2.—" Walter Grieve, paid for 7 qtls. codfish and cartage	3 12 0	
" paid for 1 barrel herring	0 15 0	7 9 0
14.—" Cash paid for eggs	0 6 10	
" Cash paid for 1 barrel herring	0 15 0	1 1 10
15.—" Cash paid McConnan, stationery	1 3 5	
" Cash paid Dicks and Brace	0 7 6	
" Cash paid St. John's Mill, per account	1 0 8	2 11 7
16.—" Cash paid for 10 barrels potatoes, 50s., 10 barrels turnips, 40s.		4 10 0
16.—" Cash paid cartage of potatoes and Turnips ...	0 2 6	
" George Loveys for 80 hhds. coals at 7s. 6d.	30 0 0	30 2 6
	Carried forward.....	£605 8 0

St. John's Hospital.

	Brought forward.....	£127 0 11
	CR.	
July 1.—“ District Paupers—		
Received from W. Lilly for quarter ending 31st.		
June	76 15 0	
“ Navy Department—		
Received from Colonial Secretary, for quarter		
ending 30th June	2 18 6	
“ Custom House—		
Received from the Collector, for quarter ending		
30th June	15 0 7	—94 14 1
Aug. 27.—“ Fishermen and Shoremen—		
Received from Colonial Treasurer in lieu of the		
annual dues	116 2 7	
Sept. 10.—“ Cash—		
Dividend from Wilson and Meynell	0 1 7	
Oct. 7.—“ Casual Patients—		
For amount received from them, from 1st		
January to 1st October	20 5 0	—136 9 2
Oct. 1.—“ District Patients—		
Received from R. W. Lilly, for quarter ending		
30th September	71 17 6	
“ Navy Department—		
Received from Colonial Secretary for quarter		
ending 30th September	5 11 0	
“ Custom House—		
Received from the Collector, for quarter ending		
30th September	34 7 11	—111 16 5
Dec. 31.—Casual Patients, for quarter ending 31st December	25 11 6	
“ Crews of Sealing vessels, received per that ac-		
count	256 19 9	—282 11 3
“ Gaol Prisoners—		
Received from Colonial Secretary, for quarter		
ending 31st December	4 9 0	
“ District Patients—		
Received from R. W. Lilly for quarter ending		
31st December	91 1 0	
“ Navy Department—		
Received from Colonial Secretary, for quarter		
ending 31st December	14 1 6	
“ Custom House—		
Received from The Collector, for quarter		
ending 31st Dec.	25 12 4	—135 3 10
		£887 15 8
1853.		
Jan 1.—By balance		£40 18 11

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THOMAS GLEN, Secretary.

St. John's, Newfoundland, 31st December, 1852.

Burin Election.**RECAPITULATION.**

By amount received for District Patients	.....	.....	£310	19	0
Ditto ditto Navy Department	.....	.....	32	7	6
Ditto ditto Custom House	.....	.....	88	5	8
Ditto ditto Gaol Prisoners	.....	.....	4	9	0
Ditto ditto Casual Patients	.....	.....	45	16	6
Ditto ditto Crews of Sealing vessels	256	19	9
Ditto ditto Fishermen and Shoremen	116	2	7
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			£855	0	0

THOMAS GLEN, Secretary.

LETTERS FROM WILLIAM HOOPER, ENCLOSING AFFIDAVIT OF LAURENCE MORRISSEY, &c.

Burin, 19th November, 1852.

SIR,—I have the honor to address you, to accompany the Election Returns for this District which embraces the Writ, Poll Books, account of Expenses, together with the Lists of Registered Voters. I transmit also an affidavit having reference to the loss of the Lamaline Poll Book, which makes the return from this District incomplete. It is a case in which mystery and suspicion is involved; I do, however, most freely exonerate the messenger from any participation in the abstraction of the Poll Book.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM HOOPER,
Returning Officer.

Christopher Ayre, Esq., &c., &c., &c., St. John's.

Burin, 22nd November, 1852.

SIR,—I beg leave to address you on the subject of Lawrence Morrissey's affidavit which will be found with my Election Returns. He intended, and wished it to be understood, that his suspicions rested only upon the Catholic party at Lamaline. In this restricted sense I received the affidavit, without entertaining the idea that it was susceptible of an enlarged application.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM HOOPER,

Christopher Ayre, Esq.,
Acting Colonial Secretary, St. John's.

Burin Election.**AFFIDAVIT OF LAURENCE MORRISSEY.**

Southern District, }
 Burin, to wit. }

Personally appeared before me William Hooper, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said district, Lawrence Morrissey, who maketh oath and saith,—That he was engaged by the Returning Officer to carry the Poll Book, &c, to Lamaline, to remain there and bring back the Returns of the Election at that place. That as soon as the Deputy Returning Officer had made up his returns, this deponent received them, and proceeded at once on his way, purposing to remain the night at Maddigan's house on the east-side of the Salmonier river. That when deponent went to bed, he left the Poll Book and other letters tied up in a parcel in the room close to where he slept. That some hours after he was in bed, he heard noises in the house, but did not get up to see from whence they proceeded; at length he got up and discovered that the handkerchief which had enclosed the Poll Book had been taken away. That deponent then said that if he had thought the papers were in danger, he would have put them under his head, or under a lock in a box, when Mrs. Maddigan replied, that if he had done so, and had gone on his way, that he would have been forelaid by disguised persons and the papers taken from him; and that would have been the case, if Mr. Hooper himself had been there, according to the best of her opinion. The deponent then went to the house of Michael Fleming close by, having a suspicion that he or his son knew something about the taking of the papers. Fleming treated the matter very lightly, and told deponent that he must have lost the papers before he came to Maddigan's house; but Fleming's son was present when deponent went to Maddigan's house, and heard him say to Mrs. Maddigan, how careful he must be of the Poll Book. The deponent is not certain, but he is strongly impressed with the opinion, that Fleming, in particular, and Maddigan had something to do with the papers. Deponent further swears that at the close of the Poll, Mr. Cake said, in a joking way, that if he was a young man, he might forelay and take the papers from him, and deprive him of his pay;—and lastly and finally, the deponent swears that he is strongly under the belief that the papers were taken away by some one or more of the Roman Catholic party.

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 LAWRENCE X MORRISSEY.
 mark.

Sworn before me, at Burin, having
 been first read over carefully and ex-
 plained, this 19th day of November,
 1852.

William Hooper, J. P.

I hereby certify that after opening the Poll Books in my possession at the Polling Room this day, there appeared to be a majority, in favor of Clement Benning Esq., of fifty three votes; but in consequence of the loss of the Lamaline Poll Book, the aggregate return is incomplete.

Given under my hand and seal at Burin, this 18th day of November, 1852.

WILLIAM HOOPER,
 Returning Officer.

Burin Election.

Burin, 8th December, 1852.

SIR.—I have the honor to address you with the enclosed affidavit of Saul Baunell, together with an account of Lamaline Election expenses, which came into my possession an hour after the sailing of the Packet on the 22nd ult. The circumstances under which the original and duplicate Poll Books have been abstracted remains a mystery, nothing having transpired to bring the charge home to any person. It is, however, a singular circumstance that Saul Baunell who was sent expressly from Lamaline with the Duplicate Poll Book, did not deliver it to me on the night of his arrival, or at least early next morning, instead of which it turns out that he did not think of doing so until 2 p. m., of that day, when he discovered that his box had been broken open, when an hour before he saw it was safe; & after all this he never called upon me to offer any explanation, and he returned to Lamaline without my seeing him, as did the Poll Clerk whom I did not know had been to Burin. Whether these parties are implicated in the abstraction of the duplicate Poll Book or not, I am at a loss to conjecture, but the circumstances are not in my mind free from suspicion.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. Ayre, Esq., &c., &c., St. John's.

WILLIAM HOOPER.

Lamaline, to Wit—

Personally appeared before me, Stephen Olive Pack Esqr., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the southern district of the island of Newfoundland, Saul Baunell, of Lamaline, and declareth on oath, that on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of November of the present year, one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, he received a packet of letters from the said Stephen Olive Pack of Lamaline, addressed to William Hooper Esquire, Burin, which packet, he understood, contained a list of persons who voted at the election in Lamaline, that he went to Burin in his boat, and arrived there at 7 o'clock, p. m., and put his boat alongside of Mc-Fee's wharf, that he then went on shore, leaving the said packet in his box under lock, that he was on shore about an hour, when he returned to his boat, and found his box broken open and the said packet gone, and further this deponent saith not.

his
SAUL BAUNELL
mark.

Sworn to before me, this 19th day }
of November, 1852. }

Stephen Olive Pack, J. P.

PROTEST OF THOMAS P. EVANS AGAINST THE RETURN OF CLEMENT BENNING, ESQ., AS MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FOR THE DISTRICT OF BURIN.

SIR,—As one of the Candidates at the late Election for the District of Burin, I beg respectfully to protest against the opposing Candidate Clement Benning, Esq., being *Gazetted*, sworn in, or allowed to take his seat as Member—and to submit that a writ should be issued

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for a new Election, on the ground that Mr. Benning has not, and in the present state of the Returns from the Deputy Returning Officer, cannot be, returned as duly elected under the former Writ; and that Lamaline being a polling place at which I expected, and I believe, had a very large majority, it cannot certainly be known, in the absence of the Poll Books from that station, which Candidate had the majority on the whole.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS P. EVANS.

St. John's, Jany 25th, 1852.

The Honorable The Colonial Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
3rd February, 1853. }

SIR.—With reference to my letter of yesterday to you enclosing certain documents in connexion with the Burin Election, I have now the honor to transmit, by direction of the Governor, a return from the Returning Officer of that district, with other documents which I have just received.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

JAMES CROWDY.

The Honble. the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

SIR,—

Burin, 14th January, 1853.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, a certified copy of the Poll Book as taken at Lamaline at the late Election, which, after the loss of the original and duplicate, only came into my possession this day; assuming therefore the authenticity of this copy, it remains for me to declare that the aggregate majority for Clement Benning, Esq., is or was, on the day of Election, 38 votes, and that he, the said Clement Benning, Esquire, is therefore duly returned to represent the District of Burin in the General Assembly; and I presume it is my duty to make a Return to that effect, which I beg to transmit herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM HOOPER,
Returning Officer.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary, St. John's.

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NAME.	RESIDENCE.	BENNING.	EVANS.
Hillier James	Lamaline	0	1
Hillier Edward	Ditto	0	1
Hillier John, s'nr.	Ditto	0	1
Crews George	Ditto	0	1
Hillier John, j'r.	Ditto	0	1
Weeks James	Ditto	0	1
Cake Richard	Ditto	0	1
Maddagan James	Salmonier	1	0
Walsh John's'r.	Lamaline	1	0
Abbott Daniel	Point-aux-Gaul	0	1
Bartlett William	Lamaline	0	1
Hann George	Ditto	0	1
Pittman John	Ditto	0	1
Bonnell Robert	Ditto	0	1
Haley James	Ditto	1	0
Collins John	Ditto	1	0
Hodge William	Ditto	1	0
Askell Henry	Ditto	0	1
Bonnell James	Ditto	0	1
Mulyer Francis	Ditto	0	1
Purchase Thomas	Ditto	0	1
Hooper William	Ditto	0	1
Walters Edward	Ditto	0	1
Walsh Edward	Ditto	1	0
Walsh Thomas	Ditto	1	0
Bell George	Grand Bank	0	1
Morrissey Laurence	Burin	1	0
Stickland John	Lamaline	0	1
Canes James	Ditto	0	1
Winter James	Ditto	0	1
Haley Patrick	Ditto	1	0
Daw Samuel	Ditto	0	1
Hatcher Thomas	Ditto	0	1
		9	24

I, George Butt, Poll Clerk for Lamaline, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct list of persons who voted at Lamaline the 16th November for the election of a Member to serve in the General Assembly for the district of Burin.

As witness my hand this 14th December, 1852.

Witness

Stephen Olive Pack, Deputy Returning Officer.

GEORGE BUTT.
Poll Clerk.

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I, Stephen Olive Pack, Deputy Returning Officer for Lamaline, do certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct list of persons who voted at Lamaline the 16th day of November last past, for the election of a Member to serve in the General Assembly for the District of Burin, and that the total number polled were 33, there being 9 who voted for Mr. Benning, and 24 for Mr. Evans.

STEPHEN OLIVE PACK.

Deputy Returning Officer.

Lamaline, }
 December 14th, 1852. }

Southern District, Burin—

I hereby certify that after the abstraction of the original and duplicate Poll Books, as taken at Lamaline at the late election, I have this day received a certified copy of the same from the Deputy Returning Officer, which shews a majority of votes, as recorded for Mr. Evans, of twenty four, which being deducted from the majority of fifty-three votes in favor of Clement Benning Esquire, as shown by the Poll Books from the other polling stations on the 18th of November last, gives an aggregate majority in favor of the said Clement Benning Esquire of thirty eight votes, and that the said Clement Benning Esquire is therefore duly returned to represent the District of Burin in the General Assembly.

Given under my hand and seal, at Burin, this 14th day of January, 1853.

WILLIAM HOOPER,

Returning Officer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON PRIVILEGE, FEBRUARY 2, 1853.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE—

Resolved,—That Clement Benning be requested to attend, and be examined before the Committee, in reference to the circumstances connected with the late election of a member for Burin.

CLEMENT BENNING examined—

No. 1.—Were you a Candidate for the district of Burin in November last? I was.

No. 2.—State the circumstances connected with your return. I was returned at Burin on the 18th November last by a majority of 53, and can produce witnesses to that effect.

No. 3.—Did you hear of the loss of a Poll Book connected with that election? I did—I was first informed by the Returning Officer, who told me that the Poll Book for Lamaline

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was lost by the messenger—that the messenger did not return to Lamaline but proceeded to Burin, and on his arrival there, was paid his wages by the Returning Officer, although he did not bring any Poll Book with him; but previous to the arrival of the messenger, a boat came from Lamaline with copies of the returns and other documents for the Returning Officer, which were abstracted from the boat.

The boat's crew, as also a passenger, Mr. James Winter, belonging to Lamaline, was opposed to my election. The boat arrived at Dr. Moran's and Mr. Peter McFee's wharf, where no person could board the boat without being seen by them.

The skipper of the boat never delivered the documents above referred to by the Returning Officer. I had this information from the Returning Officer.

No. 4.—Have you read the return from the Returning Officer at Burin? I have.

No. 5.—Is the certified copy now shown you, a true copy? It is.

No. 6.—Had you any knowledge of the parties by whom the Poll Book was abstracted? None whatever.

No. 7.—Were you, or any one in concert with you, privy to that abstraction? No one connected with me had any knowledge of it whatever. We were 38 miles from the place at the time.

No. 8.—Who was the Candidate who opposed you? Mr. Thomas Parsons Evans.

No. 9.—State to the Committee what you have heard from Mr. Evans with reference to your return.

Mr. Hoyles objected to the question.

The Committee rose on a question of order.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Committee resumed.

He was quite satisfied with my return—so satisfied, that he wished to join the procession along with me and my party round the harbour.

No. 10.—Who was the Returning Officer?

William Hooper, Esq.

No. 11.—Was your return openly and publicly declared by Mr. Hooper?

It was, and he congratulated me on my return in the Polling-room in presence of Mr. Evans.

No. 12.—Were you then publicly proclaimed as member for the district of Burin by Mr. Hooper?

I was.

No. 13.—Is the number of votes polled by you and Mr. Evans correctly stated in your petition, to the best of your knowledge and belief?

It is; and in proof of it I have taken them from the Poll Book, with the exception of Lamaline, from whence I had a written communication stating the number polled there.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

GENERAL STATEMENT

of the Newfoundland Marine Insurance Company at the meeting of the 13th January, 1853, made in accordance with the terms of the Act of Incorporation.

Aggregate amount of Risks now standing

Amount of losses incurred during the year ending on the 31st December, 1852

Amount of capital actually paid in, less British North America

Amount of Bonds for expenses

Amount of Dividends

Amount of surplus

Amount of real estate

Amount of Stock

Amount of Premiums

Amount of Disbursements

Amount of Interest

Amount of Sundry Accounts

Amount of Reserve

Amount of Contingencies

Amount of Unpaid Claims

Amount of Unpaid Dividends

Amount of Unpaid Interest

Amount of Unpaid Sundry Accounts

Amount of Unpaid Reserve

Amount of Unpaid Contingencies

Amount of Unpaid Unpaid Claims

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Amount of Unpaid Unpaid Sundry Accounts

Amount of Unpaid Unpaid Reserve

Amount of Unpaid Unpaid Contingencies

FEBRUARY 3, 1853.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON PRIVILEGE.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. EMERSON took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

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Mr. EMERSON again took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions:—

Resolved,—That Clement Benning, Esq., having been duly elected a Member of this house for the district of Burin, be forthwith permitted to take his seat in this house, on taking the usual oath accordingly; and that the Clerk grant him a certificate to that effect, for the purpose of being presented to the Commissioners authorised to administer the usual oath to the members of the present Assembly.

Resolved,—That the original Writ for the election of a Member for the district of Burin, the special and amended return, together with the Resolutions and proceedings of this Committee thereon, be reported to the House.

Miscellaneous.

GENERAL STATEMENT

of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company as they existed at 3 o'clock on Thursday 13th January, 1853, made in accordance with the terms of the Act of Incorporation.

Aggregate amount of Risks now running.....	£2,760	0	0
Amount of losses incurred during the preceding year	Nil.		
Amount of capital actually paid in, the same being deposited in the Bank of British North America	2,505	0	0
Amount of Bonds for unpaid capital, as per sheet marked A. herewith ...	10,020	0	0
Amount of Dividends declared during the preceding year	Nil.		
Amount of surplus profits.....	Nil.		
Amount of real estate.....	Nil.		
Amount of Stock sold, as per sheet marked B. showing the shareholders' names, and the amount paid by each	12,525	0	0
Amount of Premiums actually earned; this Company having commenced taking Risks on 27th December, 1852	5	15	0

I, Edward L. Jarvis, Secretary of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, do swear that the above is a true return of the state of the affairs of the said Company, up to the time above-named.

EDWARD L. JARVIS.

Sworn to before me at St. John's, }
this 14th January, 1853. }

E. M. ARCHIBALD, J. P.

We, the undersigned, Directors of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, do certify that the books of the said Corporation indicate the facts above stated by the Secretary thereof, and that we have full confidence in the truth of these returns.

Directors. {
JAS. J. GRIEVE, President.
ROBERT PROWSE
HENRY K. DICKENSON.
JAMES S. CLIFT.
R. O'DWYER.

PARTICULAR STATEMENT

Of securities taken for the unpaid portion of the Stock of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, as they existed at 3 o'clock on Thursday, 13th January, 1853; the whole being in Joint Bonds, payable when required by the Directors of the said Company, according to the terms of the Act of Incorporation.

Lawrence O'Brien, and Richard O'Dwyer	£600	0	0
James J. Grieve and Eugenius Harvey	600	0	0
Robert Prowse and Henry K. Dickenson	600	0	0
Carried forward.....	£1,800	0	0

Miscellaneous.

PARTICULAR STATEMENT [Continued.]

	Brought forward.....	£1,800	0	0
Henry K. Dickenson and Robert Prowse		600	0	0
Eugenius Harvey and James J. Grieve		500	0	0
John Munn & William Donnelly		400	0	0
Kenneth McLea & William Donnelly		300	0	0
James Shannon Clift & William M. Barnes		300	0	0
Laurence O'Brien & Richard O'Dwyer, (for James Furlong's share)		240	0	0
Thomas Harrison Ridley & John Munn		200	0	0
William Henry Ridley & John Munn		200	0	0
William Donnelly and John Munn		200	0	0
John J. Roddick & Robert Prowse		200	0	0
Peter G. Tessier and William H. Mare		200	0	0
William L. Solomon & Daniel J. Henderson....		200	0	0
John Barron & John Bond		200	0	0
James J. Rogerson & William M. Barnes		200	0	0
Philip Duggan and John Fox		200	0	0
Daniel J. Henderson & Wm. L. Solomon.		200	0	0
Ambrose Shea & Samuel Carson		200	0	0
Willm. M. Barnes & James Shannon Clift		200	0	0
Thomas Row & William H. Mare		200	0	0
Patrick Tasker & David Steele		200	0	0
John Bond & James McLaughlan		200	0	0
David Steele & Patrick Tasker		200	0	0
Richard O'Dwyer and Lawrence O'Brien		200	0	0
Nicholas Cusack and E. D. Shea		200	0	0
James Cormack James J. Grieve		200	0	0
James Crowdy and Joseph Crowdy		120	0	0
Joseph Crowdy and James Crowdy		120	0	0
Nicholas Mudge and John Bond		100	0	0
Alexander Mitchell and James Chalmers		100	0	0
John O'Mara and Samuel Carson		100	0	0
Lawrence Maccasey and William Hogan		100	0	0
William Hogan and Lawrence Maccassey		100	0	0
Samuel Carson and John O'Mara		100	0	0
Edward White and Robert H. Job		100	0	0
Lawrence Gearan and Thomas Row		100	0	0
John Bowring and Philip Hutchings		100	0	0
Wm. W. LeMessurier and George Loveys		100	0	0
Wm. H. Mare and Peter G. Tessier		100	0	0
Ed. M. Archibald and James J. Grieve		100	0	0
James McLoughlan and John Bond		100	0	0
Patrick Devereux and Walter Dillon		100	0	0
William Parsons and Thomas H. Ridley		100	0	0
John H. Cozens and Henry Winton		60	0	0
Philip Hutchings and Edward Bowring		60	0	0
James Chalmers & Alexander Mitchell		60	0	0
James Cullen & Philip Duggan		40	0	0
Hugh H. Roche and Daniel J. Henderson		40	0	0
	Carried forward.....	£9,940	0	0

Miscellaneous.

PARTICULAR STATEMENT [Continued.]

	Brought forward.....	£9,940	0	0
George Loveys and Wm. W. LeMessurier .....	.....	40	0	0
Walter Dillon and John V. Nugent .....	.....	20	0	0
Henry Winton and John H. Cozens .....	.....	20	0	0
	Total amount of Bonds.....	£10,020	0	0

[A.] EDWARD L. JARVIS, Secretary.

NAMES OF STOCKHOLDERS,
and the amount of Stock held by each in the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company
at 3 o'clock on Thursday 13th January, 1853.

Names.	No. of Shares	Amount.	Names.	No. of Shares.	Amount.
Laurence O'Brien	30	£750	Forward.....	387	£9,675
James J. Grieve	30	750	James Cormack	10	250
Robert Prowse	30	750	James Crowdy	6	150
Henry K. Dickenson	30	750	Joseph W. Crowdy	6	150
Eugenius Harvey	25	625	Nicholas Mudge	5	125
John Munn	20	500	Alexander Mitchell	5	125
Kenneth McLea	15	375	John O'Mara	5	125
James Shannon Clift	15	375	Laurence Maccassey	5	125
James Furlong	12	300	William Hogan	5	125
Thomas Harrison Ridley	10	250	Samuel Carson	5	125
William Henry Ridley	10	250	Edward White	5	125
William Donnelly	10	250	Laurence Geran	5	125
John J. Roddick	10	250	John Bowring	5	125
Peter G. Tessier	10	250	Wm. W. LeMessurier	5	125
William L. Solomon	10	250	William H. Mare	5	125
John Barron	10	250	E. M. Archibald	5	125
James J. Rogerson	10	250	James McLaughlan	5	125
Philip Duggan	10	250	Patrick Devereaux	5	125
Daniel J. Henderson	10	250	William Parsons	5	125
Ambrose Shea	10	250	John H. Cozens	3	75
William M. Barnes	10	250	Philip Hutchins	3	75
Thomas Row	10	250	James Chalmers	3	75
Patrick Tasker	10	250	James Cullen	2	50
John Bond	10	250	Hugh H. Roche	2	50
David Steele	10	250	George Loveys	2	50
Richard O'Dwyer	10	250	Walter Dillon	1	25
Nicholas Cusack	10	250	Henry Winton	1	25
	387	£9,675	Total.....	501	£ 12,525

[B.]

EDWARD JARVIS, Secretary.

Miscellaneous.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND MARINE ASSURANCE COMPANY, TO 10th MAY, 1853.

DR.	
To Stock sold, upon which £5 per share has been paid, 501 shares	£2505 0 0
“ Ditto whole amount paid 10 shares	250 0 0
“ Amount of premiums from 27th December, 1852, to date, on expired policies	2058 2 1
“ Amount of ditto on unexpired ditto	2590 18 9
“ Interest and profits on investments, and discount on loss paid prior to maturity	53 19 10
	£7458 0 8

CR.	
By Director's fees; salaries; office rents; and Surveyor's fees to date	£260 1 0
“ Printing and office expenses	46 13 9
“ Estimated amount of losses to be paid when adjusted	425 0 0
“ Amount of loss paid	250 0 0
“ Probable amount of return premiums on conditional insurances	100 0 0
“ Balance	6376 5 11
	£7458 0 8

This Company commenced business on the 27th December 1852. The aggregate amount of risks taken to this date is £132,409 0s. 0d. of which £63,550 0s. 0d. is on unexpired policies. No dividend has as yet been declared,

- JAS. J. GRIEVE, *President.*
- ROBERT PROWSE,
- R. O'DWYER,
- LAURENCE O'BRIEN,
- JAS. J. ROGERSON,
- E. HARVEY,
- HENRY K. DICKENSON,
- W. M. BARNES,
- JAS. SHANNON CLIFT.

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE AMOUNT PAID TO SHIPWRECKED SEALERS
IN THE YEAR 1852, ALSO THE AMOUNT PAID TO OTHER PERSONS
THROUGHOUT THE COLONY FOR RELIEVING SUCH SHIP-
WRECKED SEALERS.

Paid the undermentioned Shipwrecked sealers to enable them to reach their homes.

Five Brothers, of Brigus, WILLIAM ANTLE, Master.

William Antle, Brigus	.....	.....	.....	£0	8	8
Isaac Antle, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Alexander Sejanion, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Power, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Kelly, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John James, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Percy, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Roberts, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Roberts, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Carroll, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
George Roberts, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Martin, Port de Grave.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Abraham Boon do. ..	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Hussey, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Hussey, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Wm. Hussey, Senr. do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Fredk. Badcock, Bay Roberts.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Stephen Cole, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Bayly, Cupids,	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jacob LeDreu, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Chas. Bennett, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Robert Bennett, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Ryan, Colliers.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas Foley, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas Walsh, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Mackey. Holyrood.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Hennessey, do.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Carlieu, Bareneed.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thos. Connors, Cat's Cove.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Joseph Walsh, South shore, Conception Bay	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Garrett Wall, Harbour Main.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Adelaide, Brigus.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Lawrence Furlong, Placentia.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Furlong, do.....	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas Dunphy, do.....	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Princess, of Harbour Grace, Heater, Master.

James Dalton, Western Bay	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Anthony Loveace, do.....	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
George Loveace, do.....	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Loveace, do.....	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Chipman, do. ..	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Verge, Harbour Grace.	.....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Carried forward.....£17 15 4

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT, [Continued.]

Princess, of Harbour Grace, Heater, Master.

Brought forward.....£17 15 4

John Prendergast, Harbour Grace	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Savage, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Langley, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Isaac Bradberry, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Frederick Verge, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Umberson, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
George Nicholas, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Rd. Singleton, Bryant's Cove	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jacob Reed, Dildo Cove, Trinity Bay.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Stephen Reed, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Reuben Reed, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Liberator, Harbour Grace.

John Bradberry, Bay Roberts.	.....	.....	0	8	8
David Connell, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Sisters of Brigus, Isaac Clarke Master.

Thomas Kielley, Holyrood....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Corbett, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Healey, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Sevier, Harbor Maine.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Philip Hawko, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jonathan Mercer, Upper Island Cove,	.....	.....	0	8	8
Charles Mercer. do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Drover, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Richard Coombs, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Clark, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Taylor, Port de Grave.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jacob Sparks, Brigus, .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Tilley, Kelligrews...	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Farrell, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Hanafan, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Alert, Brigus.

John Ratford, Brigus	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Carey, do, .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Fardy, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Maria Grace of St. John's, E. & N. Stabb.

Michael Clancey, Caplin Bay	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Rossiter, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Whelan, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Joseph Swain, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Barry, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Philip Kehoe, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Andrew Haley, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Heffern, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Fitzsimons, do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8

Carried forward.....£35 2 0

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT [Continued.]

Maria Grace, St. John's, E. & N. Stabb.

		Brought forward.....	£35	2	0
John Hines, Ferryland .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Haley, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Madrigan, Fermeuse.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Neale, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Willm. Maddick, Witless Bay.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Martin Carey, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Dunn, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Murphy, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Norris, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Madigan, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Neal, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Wall, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Martin Madigan, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Dunn, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Charles Dunn, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Tobin, do. ....	.....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Ajax</i> , R. Alsop & Co.				
Edward Goff, Ferryland .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Best, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Sullivan, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Brian, Cape Broyle...	.....	.....	0	8	8
Stephen Whelan, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Brothers, Fermeuse...	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Saunders, Aquaforte	.....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Aid</i> , Port de Grave.				
Jacob Mann, Port de Grave...	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas Flannery, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Martin Thorn, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Nugent, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Aid .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Isaac Walford, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Simms, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Hennessey, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Haw, Brigus .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Lewis, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Lewis, Holyrood .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Harriet</i> , of Spaniards Bay, M. Whelan, Master				
Matthew Phelan, Spaniards Bay	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Shepherd, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Hayse, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas Brassel .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Charles Tuttle, ditto .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Robert Seymour do .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Whelan, do .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Ryan, do .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Piddle, do .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Richard Piddle, do .....	.....	.....	0	8	8
		Carried forward.....	£54	3	4

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT, [Continued.]

Harriet, of Spaniards Bay M. Whelan, Master.

		Brought forward.....	£54	3	4
Robert Wright, Spaniards Bay	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Bradberry, Island Cove.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jonathan Hussey, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jonathan Hussey, (2.) do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Ausborne. do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Levi Mercer, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Osmond, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Levi Messer, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
William Landrigan, Upper Island Cove	.....	.....	0	8	8
Joseph Landrigan, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Murphy, Brigus,	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Doyle, Placentia	.....	.....	0	8	8
Matthew Hussey, Island Cove,	.....	.....	0	8	8
Matthew Hussey, (2.) do.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas Pope, Cat's Cove.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
		<i>Lady Anne, Bareneed.</i>			
Michael Jay, Harbor Main.....	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Currie, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
		<i>Elizabeth, R. O'Dwyer.</i>			
Joseph Delahunty, Ferryland	.....	.....	0	8	8
Robert Sliney, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Corcoran, St. Mary's	.....	.....	0	13	0
		<i>Mary, St. John's.</i>			
Michael Monahan, Bay Bulls	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Nowlan, Mobile	.....	.....	0	8	8
William English, LaManche	.....	.....	0	8	8
		<i>Christiana, St. John's.</i>			
Garret Supple, Petty Harbor	.....	.....	0	8	8
Lawrence Drew, Bay Bulls	.....	.....	0	8	8
Lawrence Drew, (2) ditto	.....	.....	0	8	8
		<i>Imaum, Harbor Grace.</i>			
James Moore, Salmon Cove	.....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Walsh, ditto	.....	.....	0	8	8
Jeremiah Sullivan, ditto	.....	.....	0	8	8
Daniel Costello,	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Anthony,	.....	.....	0	8	8
Morris Kennedy,	.....	.....	0	8	8
John Hanifan, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Fury, Holyrood	.....	.....	0	8	8
James Mahony, Harbour Grace.	.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Duggan, do.	.....	.....	0	8	8
		Carried forward.....	£69	11	0

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT, [Continued.]

		Brought forward.....	£69	11	0
	<i>Lovely Mary, St. John's.</i>				
Patrick Mahony, Salmonier.	.....	£0	8	8	
Martin Corcoran, St. Mary's.	.....	0	8	8	
D. Corcoran, ditto	.....	0	8	8	
Thomas Cummins, do	.....	0	8	8	
William Holloway, Placentia.	.....	0	8	8	
Thomas Landers, do.	.....	0	8	8	
	<i>Jemima, Spaniards Bay.</i>				
J. Hutchings, Spaniards Bay.	.....	0	8	8	
Jonathan Hutchings, do.	.....	0	8	8	
William Hutchings, do	.....	0	8	8	
George Hutchings, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Henry Shepherd, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Moses Shepherd, do.	.....	0	8	8	
William Porter, do.	.....	0	8	8	
George Porter, do.	.....	0	8	8	
John Gosse, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Timothy Connors, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Thomas Higden, New Harbour	.....	0	8	8	
	<i>Vesta, St. John's.</i>				
Simon Hayes, St. Mary's.	.....	0	8	8	
	<i>Hound, Port de Grave.</i>				
Samuel Mealy, Port de Grave,	.....	0	8	8	
John Heffern, do.	.....	0	8	8	
	<i>Jessie Louisa, of Carbonear.</i>				
Nicholas Perry, North Shore Conception Bay.	.....	0	8	8	
George Ferry do.	.....	0	8	8	
John Clark, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Jacob Priddle, do.	.....	0	8	8	
James Murphy, do.	.....	0	8	8	
	<i>Speedwell, Spaniards Bay.</i>				
George Littlejohn, Spaniards Bay,	.....	0	8	8	
Isaac Fowler, do.	.....	0	8	8	
John Jeans, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Henry Walford, do.	.....	0	8	8	
John Dunn, do.	.....	0	8	8	
John Bishop, do.	.....	0	8	8	
William Saunders, do.	.....	0	8	8	
William Lash, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Thomas Lash, do.	.....	0	8	8	
William Bartlett, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Joseph Hickey, do.	.....	0	8	8	
Elias Hussey, do.	.....	0	8	8	
		Carried forward.....	£85	11	8

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT, [Continued.]

Isaac & Elizabeth.

	Brought forward.....	£85	11	8
Maurice Flynn, Port de Grave.....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Lundrigan, Bareneed.....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Daniel O'Connell, Gordon master.</i>			
James Simms, Mosquito. ....	.....	0	8	8
Joseph Simms, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
Michael Kennedy, Western Bay. ....	.....	0	13	0
Thomas M. Rennell, do. ....	.....	0	13	0
George Garland, Lower Island Cove. ....	.....	0	13	0
William Whelan, Bradley's Cove. ....	.....	0	13	0
Edward Hayes, Salmonier. ....	.....	0	8	8
Thomas McCreath, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
George Herald, Harbour Grace.....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Western Trader.</i>			
Laurence Redmond, Belle Isle.....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Gem.</i>			
James Pearl, Belle Isle. ....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Daring.</i>			
Abel Abbot, Bonavista. ....	.....	0	8	8
William Hopkins, Heart's Content. ....	.....	0	13	0
Joseph Hopkins, do. ....	.....	0	13	0
John Crocker, do. ....	.....	0	13	0
	<i>Unis.</i>			
Thomas Messer, Bay Roberts.....	.....	0	8	8
James Messer, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
Edward Ford, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
	<i>Lady Ann.</i>			
Thomas Abbott, Port de Grave.....	.....	0	13	0
John Snow, ditto ....	.....	0	13	0
Alfred Rowe, ditto ....	.....	0	13	0
Abraham Boone, ditto ....	.....	0	13	0
William Anthony, ditto ....	.....	0	10	0
William Harington, ditto ....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Hall, ditto ....	.....	0	8	8
Patrick Haron, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
Robert Taylor, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
Peter Boone, do. ....	.....	0	8	8
				—£101 3 8
Paid the undermentioned persons for relieving shipwrecked Sealers :—				
	<i>Pinchards Island.</i>			
George Connelly .....	.....	6	1	4
William Davis .....	.....	13	2	0
Charles Kelly .....	.....	15	1	7
James Doyle .....	.....	5	4	0
				—
	Carried forward.....	£ 39	8	11 — 101 3 8

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT [Continued.]

Pinchards Island.

Brought forward.....	£39	8	11	—	101	3	8
John Sainsbury and Sons	8	13	4				
James Tulk and brothers	6	18	8				
Philip Blackmore	12	2	8				
William Tuff	6	18	8				
John, Joseph, and Jas. Gill	22	10	8				
James Parsons	5	4	0				
Richard Hounsell	3	9	4				
Johanna Beresworth	3	9	4				
Philip Parsons	3	9	4				
Robert Green	3	9	4				

Greenspond.

Benjamin Stowe	4	5	10				
George Allen	16	14	6				
John J. Oakley	8	13	4				
William Cox & Co.	108	3	7				
James Carter	28	17	9				
Brooking & Son	279	6	3				
Ditto	49	3	11				
Richard Howell	3	0	8				
Robert K. Oakley	5	4	0				

Fogo.

William Cox & Co.	30	7	4				
John Slade & Co.	5	16	1				
James Fitzgerald	5	0	0				
William Head	1	0	0				

Trinity.

Peter Coleman	4	6	8				
Patrick Murphy	0	6	0				
Brooking & Son	21	3	3				
William Stoneman	2	17	2				
John Murphy, Catalina	1	16	8				
Alexander Bremner, ditto	4	8	0				

Muddy Hole.

Joseph Abbott	3	9	4				
Samuel Abbot	2	3	4				
Whiteway Brothers	17	6	8				
William Crummey	1	7	9				
Henry Stricklin	1	7	9				
William Brown, King's Cove	7	16	0				
Patrick Flood, Holyrood	2	12	0				

Carried forward.....£617 16 11—101 3 8

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT, [Continued.]

Green Bay.

	Brought forward.....	£617 16 1	101 3 8
Richard Davis	.....	3 13 8	
Abraham Tulk	.....	2 12 0	
William Chalk	.....	4 6 8	
William Pardy	.....	1 6 0	
John Elliott	.....	1 19 0	
Stephen Abbott	.....	3 0 8	
William Vincent, Cape Island	.....	2 12 0	
William Keane, Fools Island	.....	8 13 4	
James Burden, Salvage	.....	12 11 4	
John Tiller, Swains Island	.....	8 15 1	
Samuel Winser, ditto	.....	9 19 4	
Benjamin Butt, Herring Neck	.....	3 9 4	
John Spurrell, Fool's Island	.....	5 0 0	
William Evely, Dead Man Bay	.....	2 3 4	
George Skelton, Greenspond	.....	5 4 0	
Philip J. Le Vincent	.....	8 13 4	
Dr. Dow, Carbonear, for medical attendance	.....	4 0 0	
	<i>St. John's.</i>		
William and Thomas Roden	.....	34 13 4	
Richard Howley	.....	43 6 8	
McKay and McKenzie	.....	10 0 0	
Timothy Mitchell	.....	3 0 8	
Ellen Foley	.....	6 10 0	
Joseph Shea	.....	8 13 4	
Edward Duder, Greenspond	.....	18 4 7	
Joseph Pond, do.	.....	2 12 0	
Stephen Blundon of schooner "Jane."	.....	3 7 7	
Robert Heckey of schooner "Gazelle."	.....	7 8 2	
Francis Taylor of schooner "Lavinia."	.....	30 0 0	
William Taylor of schr. "Lady of the Lake."	.....	15 0 0	
Captain Stapleton, Carbonear	.....	10 0 0	
John and Benjamin Willcox, Brigus	.....	9 0 0	
Captain Allen, schooner "Ann."	.....	75 0 0	
Benjamin Barber & Henry Colliers, Cobler's Island	.....	2 3 4	
Jacob Chafe, Petty Harbour	.....	6 10 0	
William LeDrew, Cupids	.....	4 6 8	
Owners of brigantine "Charles," Benson, master.	.....	35 0 0	
" " " " "Rosalie," Taylor, master.	.....	30 0 0	
Revd. Edward O'Keefe, for Harbor Main	.....	15 0 0	
P. Rogerson and Son, Port de Grave	.....	26 11 0	
	<i>Carbonear.</i>		
John Casey	.....	30 0 0	
Michael Costigan	84 13 4	
	<i>Brigus.</i>		
Charles Cozens	35 0 0	
	Carried forward.....	£1,151 13 10	101 3 8

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	Brought forward.....	£311	7	10
Robert Brocan, Brigus	25	0	0	
Job, Brothers & Co., Trinity Bay... ..	60	0	0	
The Magistrates of Harbor Grace	80	0	0	
Stephen March, for Hire, &c. of Schooner "Harbinger." ...	155	4	1	
Joseph Houlahan, for Hire of Schooner "Coquette."	102	14	7	
William and Henry Thomas and Co., for provisions shipped on board the "Coquette."				155 18 6
Messrs. R. J. Parsons, Peter Winsor, & P. F. Little, (Committee of the House of Assembly for relief of Shipwrecked Sealers) £150 & £408 5s. 0d.				558 5 0
				£2,604 13 8

R. CARTER,
Colonial Treasurer.

HARBOR GRACE DIVISION.—ACCOUNT OF RELIEF AFFORDED TO SHIPWRECKED SEALERS TRAVELLING HOME.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Sum paid in currency.	Vessel and Masters' Name.	Remarks.
1852.					
April 9.—	Thomas Hollett	Broad Cove, N. Shore	£0 5 0	<i>Dan O'Connel</i> Gordon	These men were brought into Harbor Grace by the schooner "Meg Merillies"
" "	John Connell	Ditto ditto	0 5 0	Ditto ditto	
" "	John Murphy	Salmonier	0 5 0	Ditto ditto	
" 21.—	Thomas Curran				These men belonged to the "Dash," of St. John's, and were travelling from Carbonear to their homes—round the Bay; they were brought to Carbonear from Pinchard's Island.
	John Barrington				
	John Cunningham				
	Edward Neil				
	George Prodino				
	James Brien				
	George Bartlett				
	Edmund Hynes		3 0 0	<i>Dash</i> , Barron	
	John Redmond				
	Francis Murray				
	Michael Doran				
	Isaac Barrington				
	Bartholomew Brian				
	Denis Ryan				
	Michael Kelly				
	Michael Hearn				
	Pd. Ridley & Sons, for 2 pair shoes		0 11 0	For two of the above	To enable them to travel.
" 24.—	Joshua Daw, Wm. Carlieu, Henry Boon, Jacob Newell, Js. Power, Ed. French, William Boon, Nat. Taylor, G. Reid, Terence Moore, John Clarke, Jas. Carrow, Thos. Boon, Jas. Cozens.	These 14 men belonged to Port-de-Grave and neighbourhood; they were supplied with 5s. each.	3 10 0	<i>Lady Ann</i> , Boon, belonging to Port-de-Grave	Vessel lost at Cape Freels. The men were brought to Perlican, and travelled home thro' Harbour Grace.
May 1.—	Thos. Carew, (master,) J. Carew, James Neil, James Power, John Carew, Joseph Dunn, Ml. Power, John Ronan, Jas. Murphy, Thos. Carew, John Burke		5 10 0	<i>Ajax</i> , of St. John's, Carew	Vessel lost on the Wadhams: the men were brought to Harbor Grace, by the Scotch Lass, Thomey: the men were going on to St. John's.

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HARBOUR GRACE DIVISION.—ACCOUNT OF RELIEF, &c., [Continued.]

Date, 1852.	Name.	Residence.	Sum paid in currency.	Vessels' and Masters' Names.	Remarks.
May 4th.—	James Eade	Long Pond, S. Shore.	£0 10 0	"Rake," Batten.	Vessel lost off the Wadhams; this man brought into H. Grace by the <i>Union</i> , Parsons.
8th.—	Patrick Kehoe, Master, Thomas Mara, James McDonald, Samuel Palpey, Samuel Palpey, jr., Patk. Fardy, Andrew Stevens, Martin Kehoe, Patrick Leacy, Richard Flaherty, George Green, Thomas Mahony, Matthew Hogan, Daniel Hingy, John White, Thos. Doyle, John Shea, John Warren, Andrew Grant, Michael Kehoe, P. McDonald, James Stafford, Thos. Martin, John Stafford, William Power, Jas. Dunn, Philip Walsh, Patrick Whelan, John Spry.		14 10 0	"Catherine Munroe."	These 29 men were part of the crew of the schr. <i>Catherine Munroe</i> , Patrick Kehoe, Master, of St. John's, lost near Keels, in Bonavista Bay; the men were on their way home to St. John's, and were supplied with 10s. each.
			£28 6 0		

Miscellaneous.

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THOMAS DANSON, J. P.
ROBERT J. PINSENT, J. P.

Harbour Grace, June 8th, 1852.

HARBOR GRACE DIVISION.—ACCOUNT OF RELIEF, &c., [Continued.]

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Name.	Age.	Residence.	Sum paid in currency.	Family.	Vessels' and Masters' Names.	Remarks.
E. Noseworthy	33	Bryant's Cove.	£1 10 0	Wife and 5 children	<i>Aid</i> , Spence.	Vessel totally lost.
James Hussey	27	Island Cove.	0 10 0	Wife	Do. do.	Do. do.
J. Youngs	26	Do.	0 10 0	Wife.	Do. do.	Do. do.
M. Hussey	53	Do.	0 15 0	Wife and 2 children	<i>Harriet</i> , Phelan.	Do. do.
J. Osborne	18	Do.	0 10 0	Single man	Do. do.	Do. do.
A. Barrett	42	Bishop's Cove.	1 10 0	Wife and 3 children	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Do. do.
W. Piddle	50	Spaniards Bay.	1 0 0	Wife and 5 children	<i>Harriet</i> , Phelan.	Do. do.
R. Piddle	20	Do.	0 5 0	Same family	Do. do.	Do. do.
T. Brazil	20	Do.	0 10 0	Single man	Do. do.	Do. do.
C. Pynn	52	Mosquito.	1 15 0	Wife and 5 children	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon.	Do. do.
D. M'Carthy	63	Do.	1 5 0	Old father and mother	Do. do.	Do. do.
J. Simins	40	Do.	2 0 0	Wife and 5 children	Do. do.	Do. do.
M. Kehoe	37	Do.	2 0 0	Wife and 5 children	Do. do.	Do. do.
R. Seymour	20	Spaniards Bay.	0 10 0	Two sisters	<i>Harriet</i> , Phelan.	Do. do.
W. Bradbury	40	Island Cove.	0 15 0	Wife and 2 children	Do. do.	Do. do.
J. Shepperd	35	Spaniards Bay.	0 15 0	Wife and 1 child	Do. do.	Do. do.
Jonathan Hussy	47	Island Cove.	0 15 0	3 children	Do. do.	Do. do.
Levi Mercer	18	Do.	0 10 0	Single man	Do. do.	Do. do.
W. Lundergan	19	Do.	0 10 0	Two sisters	Do. do.	Do. do.
J. M'Carthy	20	Harbour Grace.	1 10 0	Widowed mother, 8 chil.	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Do. do.
S. Cole	21	Mosquito.	2 0 0	Mother, with 13 chil.	<i>D O'Connell</i> , Gordon.	Do. do.
J. Keefe	25	Do.	0 15 0	Mother, wife, & 1 child	Do. do.	Do. do.
J. Fernandez	21	Do.	1 0 0	Old foster fthr. & mother	Do. do.	Do. do.
C. Best	50	Harbor Grace.	2 0 0	Wife and 7 children	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Do. do.
C. Pasher	31	Do.	1 5 0	Wife and 3 children	Do. do.	Do. do.
T. Brien	21	Mosquito.	0 15 0	Single man [family	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon.	Do. do.
M. Morrissey	21	Harbor Grace.	1 0 0	Single man, father and	Do. do.	Do. do.
H. Carrington	18	Mosquito.	0 15 0	Widowed mother	Do. do.	Do. do.
J. Taylor	38	Do.	1 10 0	Wife and 4 children	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	Do. do.
J. Newman	32	Island Cove.	1 0 0	Wife and 6 children	<i>Unice</i> , Mercer.	Left on the ice.
J. Clark	33	Do.	1 0 0	Wife and 2 chil. [chiln.	Do. do.	Do. do.
M. Hannifin.	15	Harbor Grace.	0 10 0	Widowed mother with 5	<i>Hornet</i> , Parsons.	Vessel aband'd, lost clothes.

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APPENDIX.

HARBOUR GRACE DIVISION.—ACCOUNT OF RELIEF, &c., [Continued.]

Name.	No.	Residence.	Sum paid in currency.	Family.	Vessels' and Masters' Names.	Remarks.
J. Lynch (of Thos.)	17	Island Cove.	£0 15 0	Poor family	Hope, McCarthy	Vessel totally lost
S. Brown	43	Spaniards Bay.	1 0 0	Wife and 8 children	Eliza, Parsons	Ditto ditto ditto
E. Brown, his son	18	Do.	0 10 0	Same family	Ditto ditto	Ditto ditto ditto
T. Yetman	44	Bryant's Cove.	1 10 0	Wife and 5 children	Hope, McCarthy	Ditto ditto ditto
E. Grealy	30	Island Cove.	0 15 0	Wife and 3 children	Unice, Mercer	Vessel brought in wrecked
P. Mallowney and P. his son	54 17	Harbor Grace.	1 10 0	Wife and 3 children	Eliza, Parsons	Vessel totally lost
C. Gardner	61	Do.	1 15 0	Wife and 5 children	Liberator, Bransfield	Ditto ditto ditto
W. M. Parsons & his son	43 15	Do.	2 0 0	Wife and 6 children	Eliza, Parsons	Ditto ditto ditto
C. Sweetland	55	Do.	2 0 0	Wife and 7 children	Ditto, ditto	Ditto ditto ditto
J. Coombs	31	Island Cove.	1 0 0	Wife and 3 children	Sisters, Clark	Ditto ditto ditto
P. Healy	33	Harbor Grace.	1 5 0	Wife and 1 child	Jessie Louisa, Pike	Ditto ditto ditto
M. Maher	35	Do.	0 10 0	Single man	Eliza, Parsons	Ditto ditto ditto
G. Butt	43	Mosquito.	0 10 0	Wife and 5 children	Lavinia, Taylor	Vessel aband'd, lost clothes
T. Ryan	59	Spaniards Bay.	1 0 0	Widower, 3 children	Eliza, Parsons	Vessel totally lost
Jas. Ryan	17	Do.	0 10 0	Single man	Harriet, Phelan	Ditto ditto ditto
John Ryan	42	Mosquito.	1 10 0	Wife and 3 children	Liberator, Bransfield	Ditto ditto ditto
R. West	65	Harbor Grace.	1 0 0	He is a cripple	Union, Parsons	His son lost at the ice
M. Beehan	60	Do.	1 0 0	Wife and 4 children	Imaum, Cleary	Vessel aband'd, lost clothes
J. Prendergast	44	Do.	0 15 0	Widower, 5 children	Princess, Hayter	Ditto ditto ditto
F. Jones, jr.	22	Bryant's Cove.	1 0 0	Single man, and sick	D. O'Connell, Gordon.	Vessel totally lost
J. Bradbury	27	Island Cove.	1 0 0	Wife and 3 children	Liberator, Bransfield	Ditto ditto ditto
D. Loder	24	Mosquito.	1 0 0	Widowed mother	Hornet, Parsons	Left on the ice, lost clothes
G. Lynch	42	Island Cove.	0 10 0	Sick Man, wife and 5	William, Green	Sick, and very poor
" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	children	" " "	" " "
W. Sackery	21	Feather Point.	0 10 0	Single man	D. O'Connell, Gordon	Vessel totally lost
H. Yetman	49	Bryant's Cove.	0 15 0	Wife and 9 children	Imaum, Cleary	Vessel aband'd, lost clothes
W. Norcott	19	Feather Point.	0 10 0	Single man	Liberator, Bransfield	Vessel totally lost
John Butt	21	Spaniards Bay.	5 5 2	Single man, very poor	Veronica, Corbett	Vessel aband'd at the ice

Amount of relief afforded to shipwrecked Sealers travelling home.....£28 6 0

Currency.....£92 6 2

Equal to, sterling.....£80 0 0

THOMAS DANSON, J. P.

ROBERT J. PINSENT, J. P.

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APPENDIX.

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ACCOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF £60 STG. BY C. COZENS TO SHIP-WRECKED AND OTHER SEALERS, WHO RETURNED TO THEIR FAMILIES TOTALLY DESTITUTE IN THE SPRING OF 1852.

Names of Men.	Number in Family.	Amounts distributed.	
Pierce Furlong	6	£1 0 0	
Terence Moore	7	1 10 0	
Alfred Rowl	6	1 0 0	
George Burton	3	1 0 0	
Thomas McLean	4	0 10 0	
James Anthony	9	1 0 0	
Thomas Boon	3	1 0 0	
Henry Boon	3	1 0 0	
James Cannon	1	0 15 0	
Patrick Carroll	5	1 10 0	
John Bayly	1	0 15 0	
Willam Boon	5	1 0 0	
Thomas Abbott	6	1 0 0	
			£13 0 0
William Hawe	5	0 15 0	
William Mugford	4	0 10 0	
James Hoyles	9	3 10 0	
George Palmer	5	1 0 0	
James Cousins	1	1 0 0	
George Mugford	7	1 0 0	
James Cole	6	1 0 0	
Robert Fowloe	6	0 10 0	
John Garland	4	0 5 0	
James Lundrigan	4	0 10 0	
George Combes	2	0 5 0	
John Dunn	7	1 10 0	
Charles Clark	8	0 15 0	
John Filyer	3	0 15 0	
Thomas Tucker	1	0 10 0	
Michael McDonald	9	1 0 0	
Robert Taylor	6	0 10 0	
Thomas Wardrob	4	1 0 0	
George Tucker	9	3 0 0	
Jonathan Taylor	6	2 0 0	
Thomas Taylor	7	1 5 0	
Samuel Nosery	4	0 5 0	
John Conelly	7	0 10 0	
Geoffrey Conelly	8	0 10 0	
Elias Filyer	5	0 10 0	
William Walsh	4	0 10 0	
			£24 15 0
		Carried forward.....	£37 15 0

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Names of men.	Number in Family.	Amounts distributed.	
Brought forward.....	£37 15 0
Patrick Walsh	6	£0 5 0	
James Fowloe	5	0 12 0	
William Barrett	1	0 8 0	
William Pitcher	2	1 5 0	
John Fahey	5	2 0 0	
Laurence Fowloe	6	0 8 0	
Michael Power	6	0 12 0	
Thomas Cole	7	2 5 0	
Benjamin Marshallsee	7	0 15 0	
Henry Lane	5	0 15 0	
Moses Ledroe	8	2 5 0	
James Reed	4	0 5 0	
Michael Hartry	5	3 0 0	
William Dalton	5	0 15 0	
George Littlejohn	9	3 5 0	
John Snow	1	0 10 0	
Eli Roberts	7	0 15 0	
John Reed	6	0 10 0	
Simon Spracklin	6	1 0 0	
Abraham Morgan	5	0 10 0	— 22 0 0
Martin Ferrel	6	0 6 0	
William Fowloe	5	0 8 0	
Thomas Snow	4	0 10 0	
William Cole	6	0 15 0	
John Coveyduck	5	0 10 0	
John Dawe	4	0 10 0	
John Rose	6	0 10 0	
John Murphy	8	0 6 0	
Peter Whelan	3	0 7 0	
John Mugford	2	0 8 0	
John Anthony	5	0 10 0	
Thomas Wilson	8	0 10 0	
Thomas Connel	6	0 5 0	
William Rowe	5	0 7 0	
John Street	6	0 10 0	
Stephen Nosery	4	0 8 0	
Isaac Snow	5	0 10 0	
Joseph Rowe	5	0 8 0	
Thomas Butler		1 10 0	— 9 8 0
			Stg. £69 3 0

N.B.—Those who were paid above fifteen or twenty shillings, were employed on the roads in their localities in this district, until they were shipped, went to the fishery, or were otherwise provided for

C. COZENS, J. P.

SHIPWRECKED SEALERS RELIEVED BELONGING TO THE CARBONEAR DIVISION OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Sum paid.	No. in family and condition.	Vessels' and Masters' Name.	Casualties.	Witness.
1852.				[tion.		[crews' clothing	
May 6.	Michael Dee	Lr. Point. N. S.	£1 0 0	6, in destitu-	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy	Totally lost, and the	J. Mackey.
7.	Michael Hanafen.	Carbonear.	1 0 0	6 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Patrick Moriarty.	.....	1 0 0	8 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	George Howell	.....	1 0 0	9 do.	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Martin Allen	.....	1 0 0	7 do.	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Levi White	.....	0 15 0	5 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Babb	.....	0 15 0	7 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Butt	.....	0 15 0	5 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	James Laing	.....	1 0 0	7 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Edward Thistle	.....	0 15 0	6 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Richard Delahanty.	.....	1 0 0	6 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Wm. Butt, of Wm.	.....	1 0 0	7 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Nicholas Thomas.	.....	0 10 0	3 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Thomas Murray	.....	0 10 0	3 do.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Edward Morossy	.....	1 0 0	6 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Clarke	.....	0 15 0	4 do.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Jeffrey Fanton	.....	0 10 0	7 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	James Fanton	.....	0 10 0	7 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Denis Stanley	.....	0 15 0	5 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	George French	.....	0 10 0	6 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Dooley, senr.	.....	1 0 0	8 do.	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Patrick McDonald.	.....	1 0 0	6 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Greene.	.....	1 0 0	8 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Penny	.....	1 0 0	8 do.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Edmund Cotter	.....	1 0 0	6 do.	<i>Lady Ann</i> , Bohan.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Matcham Kennell	.....	0 15 0	6 do.	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Michael Kennedy	.....	0 15 0	6 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Whelan	.....	0 15 0	6 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Samuel Clarke	.....	0 15 0	4 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	James Clarke	0 10 0	4 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Jasper Sully	0 10 0	3 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto

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SHIPWRECKED SEALERS RELIEVED, &c., [Continued.]

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Sum paid.	No. in family and condition.	Vessels' and Masters' Names.	Casualties.	Witness.
1852. May 7.	Timothy Doyle	Carbonear.	£1 0 0	9, in destitu- tion.	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	Totally lost, and the [crew's clothing.]	J. Mackey.
	William Knox	.....	1 0 0	8 ditto	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto.
	William Sullivan	.....	1 0 0	6 ditto.	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	ditto ditto	ditto.
	John George	Crockers Cove	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Burden	Carbonear	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Felix McCarthy	Crockers Cove	0 10 0	2 ditto.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Brennan	Carbonear	0 15 0	4 ditto.	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy	ditto ditto	ditto
	Daniel Driscoll	.....	1 0 0	5 ditto.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Clarke	Crockers Cove	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Michael Walsh	Carbonear, S.S.	1 0 0	8 ditto.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Nicholas Peny	Western Bay	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	ditto
	George Peny	.....	0 15 0	5 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Haskell	Carbonear	0 15 0	4 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Joseph Fire	.....	1 0 0	7 ditto.	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Bazil Clarke	Crockers Cove	1 0 0	7 ditto.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Pye	.....	0 10 0	3 ditto.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Gould	Carbonear	1 0 0	8 ditto.	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Patrick Barrett	Freshwater	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Sanways	Carbonear, S.S.	1 0 0	7 do.	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	ditto ditto	ditto
	Geo. Pike, of Wm.	.....	0 15 0	5 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Richard Nichole	Crockers Cove	0 15 0	3 do.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Philip Cornu	Carbonear	1 0 0	7 do.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	George Chipman	.....	0 10 0	6 do.	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	ditto ditto	ditto
	Lorenzo Pike	Carbonear, S.S.	0 10 0	4 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Parsons	Otterbury, N.S.	0 10 0	3 do.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Charles Bransfield	Crockers Cove	0 10 0	3 do.	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Burden	Carbonear	0 10 0	3 do.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Charles Saunders	.....	0 5 0	1 do.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
May 8.	George Rumson	.....	1 0 0	6 do.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Edmund Neale	.....	0 15 0	2 do.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Noonan	1 0 0	8 do.	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Hamilton	1 0 0	7 do.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto

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1852.						[crews' clothing	
May 8.	Jacob Priddle	Carbonear.	£0 15 0	3 in distress.	Jessie Louisa, Pike.	Totally lost, and the	J. Mackey.
	Patrick Kerby	Blow-me-down.	0 15 0	5 do.	Britannia, Taylor.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Richard Penny	Ditto	0 15 0	5 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Pierce Walsh	Carbonear.	0 15 0	9 do.	Fortitude, Hamilton.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Gillespie	Ditto	1 0 0	10 do.	Cornelia, Rumson.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Joseph Parsons	Perry's Cove.	0 15 0	5 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Jacob Flight	Small Point.	1 0 0	8 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Moses Clarke	Fresh Water.	1 0 0	10 do.	Do. do.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Jonathan Moors	Black Head.	0 15 0	6 do.	Jessie Louisa, Pike	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Kerby	Small Point	0 15 0	7 ditto	Jessie Louisa, Pike.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Slade	Marshall's folly	0 15 0	6 ditto	Britannia, Taylor.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	James Slade	ditto	0 15 0	6 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Peter Brennan	Carbonear	1 0 0	5 ditto	Fortitude, Hamilton.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	George Rowe	ditto	1 0 0	8 ditto	Cornelia, Rumson.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Hiscock	ditto	1 0 0	12 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John King	Small Point	0 15 0	7 ditto	Jessie Louisa, Pike.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Felix LeGros	Broad Cove	0 15 0	7 ditto	Britannia, Taylor.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Nicholas Kenedy	Crocker's Cove	0 15 0	4 ditto	Liberator, Bransfield.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	David Connell	Broad Cove	0 15 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Supple	Carbonear	0 15 0	5 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Lynch, Sr.	ditto	1 0 0	9 ditto	Fortitude, Hamilton.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Maurice Connell	ditto	0 10 0	8 ditto	Hope, McCarthy.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Michael Dawley	ditto	0 10 0	8 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Thomas Hearn	ditto	0 10 0	6 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	William Parsons	Freshwater	0 15 0	6 ditto	Jessie Louisa, Pike.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Stephen Parsons	ditto	0 15 0	5 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Charles Farrell	Carbonear	0 10 0	7 ditto	Sally, Forward.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Edward Keys	ditto	0 15 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	James Butler	ditto	0 15 0	5 ditto	Jessie Louisa, Pike.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Moaxly	ditto	0 15 0	4 ditto	Liberator, Bransfield.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	John Rixon	Job's Cove	1 0 0	11 ditto	Eliza, Parsons	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Robert Clarke	Crocker's Cove	0 5 0	1 ditto	Britannia, Taylor.	Ditto ditto	Ditto

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1852.						[crews' clothing	
May 8.	George Chubbs	Carbonear	£0 10 0	7, in want.	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	Totally lost, and the	J Mackey
	Loyal Penny	ditto	0 15 0	3 ditto	<i>Charles</i> , Hopkins.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Richard Bransfield	ditto	1 0 0	6 ditto	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Taylor	ditto	1 0 0	6 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Thomas Prendergast	ditto, S. S.	0 10 0	9 ditto	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	ditto ditto	ditto
May 11	Stephen Howell	ditto	0 15 0	5 ditto	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Giles Rennell	Mulley's Cove	0 15 0	8 ditto	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Samuel Butt	Crocker's Cove	0 15 0	3 ditto	<i>John & Martin</i> , Taylor	Abandoned	ditto
	Horatio Newell	Carbonear	0 15 0	9 ditto	<i>Charles</i> , Hopkins.	Totally lost	ditto
	Walter Neale	Low Point	0 15 0	5 ditto	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	ditto ditto	ditto
	Charles Moors	Blackhead	0 15 0	5 ditto	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Thomas Ryan	Carbonear	0 15 0	1 ditto	<i>Eliza</i> , Parsons.	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Howell	ditto	0 15 0	5 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Thomas Hollett	Broad Cove	0 15 0	6 ditto	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Brien	Low Point	0 15 0	7 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Hanrahan	ditto	0 15 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto
	Richard Gear	Perry's Cove	0 15 0	8 ditto	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Robert Rogers	Burnt Point	0 15 0	7 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	ditto ditto	ditto
	James Rogers	ditto	0 15 0	4 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto
May 12	John Flynn	Bay-de-Verde	1 0 0	10 ditto	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	ditto ditto	ditto
13	William Davis	Job's Cove	0 15 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto
	Robert Johnson	ditto	0 10 0	10 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto
17	Samuel Durdle	Carbonear	0 10 0	8 ditto	<i>John & Martin</i> , Taylor	Abandoned	ditto
19	Peter Summers	Flatrock	0 10 0	10 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto
	James Dunn	Low Point	0 10 0	6 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Totally lost	ditto
	Nicholas Moors	Adam's Cove	0 10 0	10 ditto	<i>Lavinia</i> , Taylor.	Abandoned	ditto
	George Butt	Clowns' Cove	0 10 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto
21	William Peppy	Broad Cove	0 10 0	9 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Totally lost	ditto
	John Mills	Crocker's Cove	0 10 0	4 ditto	<i>Emma</i> , Cleary.	Abandoned	ditto
	John Clarke	ditto	0 10 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto	ditto
22	Matthew LeGros	Broad Cove	0 10 0	5 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Totally lost	ditto
	William King	ditto	0 10 0	5 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto

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1852.						[crews' clothing	
May 22	Adam LeGros.	Broad Cove	£0 10 0	6, in distress.	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	Totally lost, and the	J Mackey
	William LeGros	ditto	0 10 0	7 do.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Ditto ditto	Ditto
	Joseph Clarke	Carbonear	0 10 0	3 do.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	David Curren	ditto	0 10 0	6 do.	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	ditto
	John Doyle	Gull Island	0 10 0	7 do.	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	John Butt	Carbonear, S.S.	0 10 0	5 do.	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Hugh Penny	ditto	0 10 0	8 do.	ditto ditto	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Alfred Tucker	Burnt Point	0 5 0	4 do.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Levi Milloy	ditto	0 5 0	2 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Thomas Tucker	ditto	0 10 0	6 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Francis Milloy	ditto	0 10 0	4 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Job Trim	Northern Bay	0 10 0	6 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Ditto ditto	ditto
" 24	Robert Penny	Carbonear	0 10 0	4 ditto	<i>Philantrophy</i> , Joyce.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	James Balaam	ditto	0 10 0	8 ditto	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	Denis Murphy	Job's Cove	1 0 0	11 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	Ditto ditto	ditto
" 25	George Frampton	Carbonear	0 10 0	4 ditto	<i>Philantrophy</i> , Joyce.	Ditto ditto	ditto
	James Reed	ditto	0 10 0	6 ditto	<i>Lavinia</i> , Taylor.	Abandoned	ditto
" 26	Michael Dooley	ditto	0 10 0	11 ditto	<i>Philantrophy</i> , Joyce.	Totally lost	ditto
	Daniel Dooley	ditto	0 10 0	8 ditto	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	ditto ditto	ditto
" 27	Hugh Penny	ditto	0 10 0	3 ditto	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Francis Penny	ditto	0 10 0	8 ditto	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Richard Butler	ditto	0 10 0	3 ditto	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Hiscock	Crocker's Cove	0 10 0	3 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto
	Wm. Honeywell	Carbonear	0 10 0	4 ditto	<i>John & Martin</i> , Taylor	Abandoned	ditto
" 28	Patrick Lynch	ditto	0 10 0	9 ditto	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	Totally lost	ditto
	Michael Lynch	ditto	0 10 0	9 ditto	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy.	ditto ditto	ditto
" 29	James Riggs	Western Bay	0 15 0	7 ditto	ditto ditto	ditto ditto	ditto
	Maurice Hyde	Carbonear	0 15 0	9 ditto	<i>John Walmsley</i> , Pike.	Abandoned	ditto
	Timothy Sullivan	ditto	0 10 0	5 ditto	<i>Sally</i> , Forward.	Totally lost	ditto
	Orestes Taylor	ditto	0 10 0	5 ditto	<i>Lavinia</i> , Taylor.	Abandoned	ditto
	Jordan Slade	Marshall's Folly	0 10 0	6 ditto	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	Totally lost	ditto
	Joseph Hiscock	Carbonear	0 10 0	8 ditto	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto

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1852.						[crew's clothing.]	
May 29.	Thomas Hiscock	Carbonear.	£0 10 0	12, in destitu-	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	Totally lost, and the	J. Mackey.
" 31.	John Pelly	ditto	0 10 0	6 ditto.	<i>D. O'Connell</i> , Gordon	ditto ditto	Ditto
	William White	Salmon Cove.	0 10 0	1 ditto.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Clarke	Crockers Cove.	0 10 0	7 ditto.	<i>Emma</i> , Cleary.	Abandoned	ditto
	Jabez Flight	Small Point.	0 10 0	9 ditto.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	Totally lost	ditto
	John Percy	Western Bay.	0 10 0	6 ditto.	<i>Hope</i> , McCarthy	ditto ditto	ditto
June 2.	Richard Moors	Mulley's Cove.	0 10 0	7 ditto.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	S. Rumson.
	John Mully	ditto	0 10 0	7 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Mulloy	Blackhead.	0 10 0	7 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
" 3.	Solomon Thistle	Mulley's Cove.	0 10 0	5 ditto.	<i>Eliza</i> , Parsons.	Abandoned	ditto
" 4.	Henry King	Broad Cove	0 15 0	10 ditto.	<i>John & Martin</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	J. Mackey.
	James Peach	Small Point.	0 10 0	4 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Cashman	Carbonear, S.S.	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>John Walmsley</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	ditto
" 5.	Richard Griffin	ditto	0 15 0	5 ditto.	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	Totally lost	ditto
	John Lacy	Mulley's Cove.	0 15 0	6 ditto.	<i>John & Martin</i> , Taylor.	Abandoned	S. Rumson.
" 9.	Moses Butt	Perry's Cove.	0 10 0	3 ditto.	<i>Cornelia</i> , Rumson.	Totally lost	J. Mackey.
" 11.	Thomas Hilliard	Blackhead.	0 10 0	3 ditto.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Matthew Moors	ditto	0 10 0	7 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	John Squires	ditto	0 10 0	4 ditto.	<i>Britannia</i> , Taylor.	ditto ditto	ditto
" 12.	James Wicks	Burnt Point	0 15 0	11 ditto.	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	ditto ditto	ditto
	William Rogers	ditto	0 15 0	8 ditto.	Do. do.	ditto ditto	ditto
	Zebedee Flight	Small Point.	0 10 0	6 ditto.	<i>Lady of the L.</i> , Taylor.	Abandoned	ditto
" 17.	Chas. Gillinghame	Burnt Point.	0 10 0	6 ditto.	<i>Liberator</i> , Bransfield.	Totally lost	ditto
	Joseph Rogers	ditto	0 15 0	4 ditto.	<i>Fortitude</i> , Hamilton.	ditto ditto	ditto
" 21.	Joseph Pike	Carbonear	0 15 0	7 ditto.	<i>Jessie Louisa</i> , Pike.	ditto ditto	S. Rumson.

£ 127 0 0

1852.

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Currency.

By H. M. Government's first grant... £80 0 0 Stg. £92 6 1

" " second grant..... 40 0 0

£132 6 1

This amount paid to shipwrecked sealers, strangers, travelling to their destination, and others, entered on Casual Poor Account, and now deducted therefrom.

£5 6 1

£132 6 1

Carbonear, June 25, 1852.

JOSEPH RYAN, J.P.

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APPENDIX.

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LICENSE OF OCCUPATION OF THE FUNK ISLAND TO STEPHEN MARCH, Esq.

(COPY.)

By His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT, Knight, and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, etc., etc., etc.,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

WHEREAS, STEPHEN MARCH, of St. John's, in the said island of Newfoundland, Merchant, hath made application to me for leave and license to occupy the Funk Island, being one of the Dependencies of the Government of Newfoundland, for the purpose more effectually of prosecuting from thence the Seal and Cod Fisheries : And whereas the maintaining a fishing establishment on the said Island will be attended with much expense, and it is desirable to encourage an enterprise which will afford new employment to poor fishermen :

I do, therefore, by these presents, grant to the said Stephen March, permission to occupy the said Funk Island, for the purposes aforesaid, for one whole year, from the date hereof ; and for such further period as the said occupancy shall not be deemed prejudicial to the public interests ; reserving, nevertheless, to myself and my successors the right to terminate and put an end to such occupancy, and to revoke the license hereby granted, at any time after the expiration of the said year, upon six calendar months' notice in writing to the said Stephen March, without any right whatever to the said Stephen March to claim compensation from the Government or Legislature of Newfoundland, for such revocation of this License, and termination of his occupancy.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, at St. John's, Newfoundland, this 11th day of May, 1852.

(By His Excellency's Command.)

(Signed.)

JAMES CROWDY.

Miscellaneous.

ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURE

of the Grant of £3,000 sterling, for making streets in the town of Harbor Grace, under the Colonial Act 9th and 10th Vic., Cap. 4, Session 2.

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Currency.	Sterling.
Compensation for Land, &c.			
1851.			
Victoria street	To M. A Kean, and J. C. Keath, Debenture.	£	364 0 0
Ditto	... J. C. Nuttall, ditto		105 0 0
LeMarchant street	... Catherine Ash, ditto		251 6 8
Ditto	... Arnold Webber, ditto		87 16 0
ditto	... Ellen Dunford, ditto		29 5 0
Cochrane-street	... James Lampen, ditto		63 6 0
Ditto	... Emma Gaden, ditto		35 0 0
Harvey street	... Thomas Wills, ditto		43 6 8
Ditto	... John Munn, ditto		30 0 0
Noad street	... Nathaniel Davis, ditto		38 1 0
1852.			
Harvey street	... Dr. Stirling ditto		95 6 8
Cochrane Street	... Payne and Lampen ditto		173 6 8
LeMarchant street	... J. and E. Aylward ditto		52 0 0
1851.		£	1372 14 8
Noad street	Heirs of J. Andrews } William Payne, cash	£25	0 0
Ditto	... Thomas French, do.	25	0 0
ditto	... Charles Snow, do.	25	0 0
ditto	... Nathaniel Davis, 2nd, do.	25	0 0
ditto	... Thomas Wills, do.	25	0 0
ditto	... John Stowe, do.	12 10	0 0
ditto	... William Payne, 2nd, do.	26	0 0
ditto	... Robert Andrews, do.	7	0 0
Victoria street	... Charles Marshalsea	9	0 0
Ditto	... Archibald Munn, do.	25	0 0
ditto	... William Kean, ditto	10	0 0
Cochrane street	... W. Talbot and E. Power, do.	25	0 0
Harvey street	... Samuel Bennett, do.	15	0 0
Ditto	... Stephen Bennett, do.	15	0 0
ditto	... Mary Ronan, do.	3	0 0
ditto	... Catherine Kitchen, do.	7 10	0 0
ditto	... James Bayly, do.	17 10	0 0
ditto	... Peter Rogerson, do.	12	0 0
ditto	... Garrett Wall, do.	8	0 0
ditto	... Thomas Higgins, do.	10	0 0
ditto	... Emma Gaden, do.	7 10	0 0
ditto	... John Shelmadine, do.	5	0 0
ditto	... John Dooling, do.	1 10	0 0
Carried forward.....		341 10	0

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, &c., [Continued.]

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Currency.	Sterling.
Compensation for Land, &c., [Continued.]			
1851.		£ 341 10 0	
Harvey Street	To James Cooney, cash	1 10 0	
Ditto	.. Thomas Garland, do.	1 10 0	
Ditto	... John Webber, do.	1 10 0	
Ditto	... Commissioners of Grammar School, do.....	11 2 0	
1852.			
LeMarchant street.	... Mrs. E. Keefe, do.	12 0 0	
Cochrane Street.	... Mrs. Payne and Jas. Lampen, do.	20 0 0	
Water street	... Patrick Scanlan, do.	10 0 0	
		399 2 0	345 17 9
Contracts for making and repairing streets ; Labour, Horse Hire, &c.,			
1851.			
Water street	... Murphy and Dooling, labour	2 5 0	
Harvey street	... William Hawe, contract,	60 0 0	
Ditto	... James Lannan, do.	39 0 0	
Ditto	... Dooling and Murphy, do.	71 17 6	
Ditto	... Philip Grace, do.	26 7 0	
Ditto	... William Connelly, do.	32 6 0	
Ditto	... James Toughy, do.	26 12 0	
Ditto	... Dooley and Murphy, opening drain, &c.....	1 8 6	
Ditto	... Philip Grace, opening a drain	1 10 0	
Ditto	... John Thomas, ditt	1 0 0	
Ditto	... Bowler and Fitzgerald, making a drain.....	3 10 0	
Ditto	... Catherine Kitchin, removing a fence	0 10 0	
Ditto	... Thomas French, labor in removing several fences	3 10 0	
Victoria street	... Scanlan, Doyle, Lahey, & Scanlan, contract	60 0 0	
Ditto	... Ditto ditto extra work	1 0 0	
Ditto	... William Brazil, removing a fence	0 5 0	
Le Marchant street.	... Thomas Lynch, contract	12 10 0	
Ditto	... William Ash, opening a drain	1 10 0	
Ditto	... William Bowler, labor	2 0 0	
Ditto	... John Fitzgerald, ditto	1 17 6	
Ditto	... Timothy Moriarty, ditto	2 0 0	
Ditto	... John Moores, ditto	2 2 6	
Ditto	... Patrick Dunster, ditto	1 10 0	
Ditto	... Mary Hannafin—man and horse	3 12 6	
Ditto	.. Betsy Griffin, ditto	0 13 0	
Ditto	... Michael Aspel ditto	0 17 6	
Ditto	... Thomas French, removing fence	0 3 0	
Carried forward.....		£359 17 0	1718 12 5

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, &c., [Continued.]

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Currency.	Sterling.
Contracts for making and repairing streets ; Labour, Horse hire, &c., [continued.] 1851.			
Brought forward... £		359 17 0	1718 12 5
Le Marchant street.	To Thomas Woolfrey, smith's work.	0 7 0	
Crowdy Road.	... Lynch and Dooling, labour in repairing.....	9 0 0	
Parson's Road.	... Bowler and Fitzgerald, do.	4 10 0	
Lady Pond Road.	... Bolan, Connors, and Dehany, do.	4 10 0	
Parkin's Lane.	... Donouaghoe and Connors, do.	3 10 0	
Lady Pond Road.	... John Doyle, making a drain.	3 10 0	
Ditto	... Ditto ditto	3 10 0	
Native Road.	... Philip Grace, ditto	1 10 0	
Bennett's Lane.	... Edward Fitzgerald, do.	1 3 0	
Ditto	... John Moores, do.	1 10 0	
Higgin's Road.	... Bowler and Fitzgerald, do.	1 10 0	
Native Road.	... Patrick Dunster, do.	1 10 0	
Bear's Cove.	... Stretton Parsons, rebuilding bridge,	14 10 0	
Ditto	... Cost of Balk, Plank, Sticks, Nails &c., for Bridges and Drains.	22 16 1	
1852.			
Water street.	... John Doyle, rebuilding Fox's bridge	20 0 0	
Ditto	... Thomas Kitchen, do.	1 0 0	
Ditto	... John Bolan, horse hire,	1 16 0	
Ditto	... Thomas Sheehan, labour.	0 18 0	
Ditto	... Edward Dooling, horse hire,	1 5 0	
Ditto	... John Fitzgerald, (K.) labour.	0 15 0	
Ditto	... Ditto (C.) do.	0 15 0	
Ditto	... Edward Cotter, do.	3 0 0	
Ditto	... John Talbot, do.	1 12 6	
Ditto	... Alcock and Andrews, do.	0 6 0	
Ditto	... Thomas Butler, junr. do.	0 12 6	
Le Marchant street.	... Moore and Griffin, contract.	16 0 0	
Ditto	... John Moores, labour.	0 12 0	
Ditto	... Patrick Dunster, do.	1 4 6	
Ditto	... William Bowler, do.	2 14 0	
Ditto	... Robert Clow, do.	0 3 0	
Ditto	... Walter Hackett, do.	1 0 0	
Ditto	... Hugh McLean, do.	1 0 0	
Ditto	... Brennan, Fitzgerald, and Sheehan, contract.	3 10 0	
Ditto	... Morgan Morrissey, do.	1 1 0	
Ditto	... Walsh and Collins, do.	11 5 0	
Ditto	... Clance and Collins, do.	22 0 0	
Carried forward... £		525 12 7	1718 12 5

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, &c., [Continued.]

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Contracts for making and repairing Streets, labor, horse hire, &c., [continued.] 1852.	Currency.	Sterling.
		Brought forward £.....	525 12 7	1718 12 5
Cochrane Street	To	William Bowler, labor	2 13 0	
Ditto	...	Henry Moores, ditto	1 0 0	
ditto	...	Timothy Dahany, ditto	2 0 0	
LeMarchant street	...	Timothy Moriarty, ditto	2 5 0	
Ditto	...	Clance & Collins, makg. drain & horse hire	5 5 0	
ditto	...	Daniel Manging, labor	3 0 0	
ditto	...	Patrick Connors, ditto	3 5 0	
ditto	...	Patrick Connors, jr., ditto	2 3 6	
ditto	...	William Howlett, for wall	1 10 0	
ditto	...	Martin and Dunster, labor and fencing	3 18 0	
ditto	...	Rutherford, plank and sticks for a bridge...	0 15 0	
Cochrane-street	...	Patrick Griffin, horse hire	5 12 6	
Ditto	...	Denis Veal, labor	2 11 0	
ditto	...	Thomas Griffin, ditto	8 9 6	
ditto	...	John Moores, ditto	6 1 6	
ditto	...	Cornelius Neil, horse hire	5 4 0	
ditto	...	William Bowler, labor	6 10 6	
ditto	...	Patrick Griffin, ditto	0 15 0	
ditto	...	Thomas Butler, ditto	0 6 0	
ditto	...	Thomas Parsons, horse hire	5 8 0	
ditto	...	Patrick Cotter, contract	1 13 0	
ditto	...	John Kennedy, ditto	1 13 0	
ditto	...	Thomas Walsh, horse hire	5 6 3	
ditto	...	Thomas Sheehan, contract	1 13 0	
ditto	...	William Parsons, horse hire	4 13 0	
ditto	...	Denis Veal, contract	1 13 0	
ditto	...	John Bolan, horse hire	1 4 0	
ditto	...	Richard Dunn, ditto	1 10 0	
ditto	...	John Leary, contract	1 16 0	
ditto	...	Fitzgerald and Burke, ditto	3 4 0	
ditto	...	John Neill, horse hire	3 0 0	
ditto	...	Brennan, Sheehan and Fitzgerald, contract	1 10 0	
ditto	...	Maurice Lynch, labor	1 10 0	
ditto	...	John Walsh, contract	3 6 0	
ditto	...	Michael Granfield, labor	0 6 0	
ditto	...	Michael Aspel, horse hire	0 14 0	
ditto	...	Michael A'Hearn, contract	3 10 0	
ditto	...	Michael Aspel, ditto	35 0 0	
ditto	...	Hugh McLean, labor	1 13 0	
ditto	...	James Wiseman, ditto	2 7 6	
ditto	...	John Sinnott, ditto	0 5 0	
ditto	...	Thomas Griffin, ditto	8 13 6	
ditto	...	Richard Walsh, ditto	1 2 6	
		Carried forward.....£	681 6 4	1718 12 5

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, &c., [Continued.]

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Contracts for making and repairing streets, labor, horse hire, &c., [Continued.] 1852.	Currency.	Sterling.
		Brought forward.....£	681 6 4	1718 12 6
Cochrane-street.	To Thomas Parsons, horse hire,	.....	2 0 0	
Ditto	... James Gorman, labour.	.....	1 0 0	
ditto	... Robert Pine, do.	.....	3 3 0	
ditto	... William Power, horse hire.	.....	4 12 6	
ditto	... John Bolan, do.	.....	3 17 6	
ditto	... Wm. Wiseman, labor.	.....	3 10 0	
ditto	... John Neale, horse hire.	.....	5 0 0	
ditto	... Thomas Walsh, do.	.....	3 15 0	
ditto	... Philip Grace, do.	.....	1 15 0	
ditto	... Wm. Bowler, labour.	.....	6 0 0	
ditto	... Richard Dunn, horse hire	.....	2 0 0	
ditto	... Cornelius Neale, do.	.....	4 0 0	
ditto	... Timothy Dehany, labour	.....	1 0 0	
ditto	... Timothy Moriarty, do.	.....	1 0 0	
ditto	... Michael Aspel, drain and horse hire,	.....	8 5 0	
ditto	... Patrick Griffin, horse hire,	.....	2 10 0	
ditto	... Joseph Wills, labour,	.....	0 10 0	
ditto	... William Tallent, do.	.....	0 10 0	
ditto	... Daniel Donovan, horse hire	.....	1 10 0	
ditto	... William Parsons, do.	.....	2 0 0	
ditto	... Richard Power, for steps at Church and Parsonage	.....	2 11 6	
ditto	... Michael Keating, for steps and gallery to his house	.....	5 0 0	
ditto	... Churchwardens, for rebuilding church-yard wall	.....	30 0 0	
ditto	... Richard Power, for wall and railing,	.....	10 7 6	
ditto	... Edward Whiteway, for building walls	.....	5 3 0	
Victoria-street.	... John Withycomb, for work and materials for steps, &c., at Lampen's & Cunningham's.	.....	3 0 0	
ditto	... Thomas Scanlan, labor	.....	4 0 0	
ditto	... Hugh McLean, do.	.....	1 5 0	
ditto	... Thomas Parsons, horse hire,	.....	1 10 0	
ditto	... Denis Neale, labor	.....	1 0 0	
ditto	... John Neal, horse hire,	.....	1 10 0	
ditto	... John Kenna, labor,	.....	1 0 0	
ditto	... Charles Sweetland, do.	.....	1 7 0	
ditto	... Patrick Leehy, do.	.....	4 15 0	
ditto	... Michael Connell, do.	.....	3 2 6	
ditto	... Patrick Dunster, do.	.....	8 5 0	
ditto	... John Fitzgerald, do.	.....	1 5 0	
ditto	... Richard Dunn, horse hire,	1 10 0	
ditto	... Maurice Doyle, do.	2 10 0	
		Carried forward.....£	828 5 10	1718 12 5

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, &c., [Continued.]

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Contracts for making and repairing streets ; Labour, Horse Hire, &c., 1851.	Currency.	Sterling.
		Brought forward... £	828 5 10	1718 12 5
Victoria street.		To Michael Manging, labour	1 10 0	
Ditto		... Walter Hackett, do.	1 0 0	
ditto		... Patrick McDonald, do.	3 18 0	
ditto		... Patrick Griffin, horse hire,	1 5 0	
ditto		... James Hall, do.	1 15 0	
ditto		... William Frampton, labour	2 8 0	
ditto		... James Bolan, do.	2 7 6	
ditto		... Patrick Kelly, do.	2 7 6	
ditto		... James Carberry, do.	2 5 0	
ditto		... John Wiseman, do.	1 16 3	
ditto		... Mary Hanifan, horse hire.	2 0 0	
ditto		... Bat. McDonald, labor,	2 5 0	
ditto		... Patrick Wiseman, horse hire,	3 7 6	
ditto		... Matthew Ryan, labor,	3 5 0	
ditto		... Murphy and Pine, labor	3 10 0	
ditto		... John and Michael Leary, ditto	4 17 6	
ditto		... Patrick Cotter, ditto	1 5 0	
ditto		... Lee and Cotter, building a wall	3 2 6	
ditto		... W. Batten, making steps for T. Hall	0 12 6	
Noad street		... Brennan, Connolly and Cody, contract	60 0 0	
Harvey street		... Ditto, making a drain	3 0 0	
Ditto		{ Brennan, Connelly, Coady and Toughy, } filling up part of Harvey street, and mak- ing drains on Native road	30 0 0	
ditto		... Denis Veale, labor	1 0 0	
ditto		... James Lannen, ditto	0 5 0	
ditto		... John Kenna, ditto	2 3 9	
ditto		... Maurice Doyle, horse hire	2 10 0	
ditto		... Michael Manging, labor	2 7 6	
ditto		... Walter Hackett, ditto	1 0 0	
ditto		... Cornelius Neale, horse hire	2 0 0	
ditto		... John Burke, labor	2 15 0	
ditto		... Thomas Scanlan jr., horse hire	3 8 0	
ditto		... Edward Whiteway, labor	1 10 0	
ditto		... William Lee, ditto	3 1 3	
ditto		... William Frampton, ditto	5 0 0	
ditto		... John Talbot, ditto	2 0 0	
ditto		... Lawrence Sheehan, horse hire	3 0 0	
ditto		... James Toughy, ditto	8 0 0	
ditto		... W. and T. Hickey, labor	2 10 0	
ditto		... Mary Hannifan, horse hire	2 17 6	
ditto		... David Mulcahy, labor	0 5 0	
		Carried forward..... £	1011 16	11718 12 5

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ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE, &c., [Continued.]

IN THE YEARS 1851 AND 1852.

		Currency.	Sterling.
Contracts for making and repairing streets, labor, horse hire, &c., [Continued.] 1852.			
Brought forward.....		£ 1011 16 1	1718 12 6
Harvey street.	To Joseph Snow, ditto	2 0 0	
Ditto	... Robert French, horse hire	0 10 0	
ditto	... Michael Donoughoe, labor	0 17 6	
ditto	... James McDonald, labor	1 10 0	
ditto	... David Connors, horse hire	1 5 0	
ditto	... Daniel Donovan, do	1 0 0	
ditto	... John Dooling, labor	1 0 0	
ditto	... Cotter and Kennedy, do.	2 0 0	
ditto	... John Moran, do.	0 10 0	
ditto	... Duncan Munn, for fencing	0 17 6	
ditto	... Archibald Munn, do.	0 15 0	
ditto	... Thomas Wills, do.	1 0 0	
ditto	... James Cooney, do.	0 15 0	
Kingwell's lane	... John Burke, contract	1 10 0	
ditto	... Thomas Butler, horse hire	2 8 0	
ditto	... Ditto, horse hire and labour	8 1 3	
Prendergast's lane	... Philip Shea, do.	4 10 0	
ditto	.. Ditto do.	9 7 6	
ditto	... Edward Rohan, labour	1 17 6	
Martin's lane	... Thomas Walsh, horse hire	2 0 0	
ditto	... Henry Alcock, labour	1 12 6	
ditto	... William Hawkins, do.	1 12 6	
ditto	... Mary Hanifan, horse hire	2 0 0	
At various places in general.	... William Conolly, for blasting rocks	0 15 6	
ditto	... Repairing Picks and Rake	0 8 6	
ditto	... Thomas French, for work removing various fences	6 8 0	
ditto	... Materials for erecting and removing fences, steps, &c., at Temperance Hall, Cun- ningham's, Drysdale's, Brien's, Goff's, Walsh's, Prendergast's, and Peter's.....	14 4 0	
ditto	... Thomas Cram, for blacksmith's work	3 15 2	
ditto	... A. McAusland, do.	0 13 6	
ditto	... 34 lbs. powder, for blasting	1 14 0	
CONTINGENT EXPENSES		£ 1088 15 6	943 12 0
On the whole grant of £3,000 stg.			
...	W. R. Noad, for surveys and plans of streets	23 1 7	
...	Ditto for do. beach	1 10 0	
...	W. C. St. John, for Printing	6 9 10	
...	J. Withers, do.	1 10 0	
Carried forward.....		£ 32 11 5	2662 4 5

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CONTINGENT EXPENSES		Currency.	Sterling.
On the whole grant of £3000 stg. [Continued.]			
	Brought forward	£32 11 5	2662 4 5
...	John Connell, for services, as messenger &c	5 0 0	
...	John Hayward for 7 arbitrations ; and attorney's fees in 1 case carried into court...	12 7 6	
...	G. H. Emerson, attorney's cost in the case of W. Stirling, decided by the Northern Circuit Court	5 0 0	
...	Joseph Ryan, for 1 arbitration	1 5 0	
...	Hire of Commercial Room for meetings.....	1 1 0	
...	Cost of paper, 3s., and 1 line, 1s. 9d.	0 4 9	
...	Postages,	1 0 0	
...	James L. Prendergast, (Inspector) for arbitrations and bargainings for land, in 34 cases, at 21s. stg. each	41 3 8	
...	James L. Prendergast, for his services as Inspector of streets under the Board of Commissioners	123 4 10	
...	Robert John Pinsent, for his services as Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners	123 4 10	
		346 3 0	'300 0 0
Amount now remaining, to be applied next spring (1853) towards completing the streets.			2962 4 5 37 15 7
			Stg. 3000 0 0

ROBERT JOHN PINSENT, }
JOHN MUNN. } *Commissioners.*

NOTE—Mr. T. H. Ridley, the other Commissioner, is not in Newfoundland.

Harbor Grace, December 31st, 1852.

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS OF STREETS, HARBOR GRACE.

DR.	Sterling.
1851 and 1852.—To amount of expenditure, as stated in the foregoing account.....	£3,000 0 0
.....	£3,000 0 0

CR.		Sterling.
1851 and 1852. By debentures issued in favor of		
1851. M. A. Kean and G. C. Heath.....	.....	£364 0 0
“ Catherine Ash .....	.....	251 6 8
“ Arnold Webber .....	.....	87 16 0
“ James Lampen .....	.....	68 6 0
“ Ellen Dunford .....	.....	29 5 0
“ Thomas Wills .....	.....	43 6 8
“ J. C. Nuttall .....	.....	105 0 0
“ John Munn .....	.....	30 0 0
“ Nathaniel Davis .....	.....	38 1 0
“ Emma Gaden .....	.....	35 0 0
1852. William Stirling .....	.....	95 6 8
“ Payne and Lampen .....	.....	173 6 8
“ T. & E. Aylward .....	.....	52 0 0
1851. Cash paid to W. R. Noad .....	.....	20 0 0
“ Cash supplied to the Commissioners .....	.....	866 13 4
1852. Ditto ditto .....	.....	260 0 0
“ Ditto ditto .....	.....	260 0 0
		£2,779 8 0
Balance due to the Commissioners .....	.....	220 12 0
		£3,000 0 0

ROBERT JOHN PINSENT, }
JOHN MUNN, } Commissioners.

NOTE.—Mr. T. HARRISON RIDLEY, the other Commissioner, is not in Newfoundland.

Harbor Grace, December 31st, 1852.

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 RETURN OF EXPENDITURE ON THE CLOCK TOWER ON THE MARKET-HOUSE AS APPLIED FOR BY ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

St. John's, 7th March, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit you the accompanying Detailed Account of expense incurred in erecting the clock-turret over the Market-House building, which I have received from Mr. P. O'Sullivan, the Contractor for performing the work.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

PATRICK KOUGH,

Supt. Col. Building and Market-House.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, &c., &c.

[Copy.]

Specification of materials and workmanship required in erecting a Clock-turret surmounting the new Market-house.

To extend the whole front on both sides of the present Clock-case to each of the breaks in the main wall, and to the height of the present roof, (or one foot higher if so directed) the materials to be of Pictou stone, of a good description, neatly dressed, and laid in good lime mortar, or Portland cement, if preferred; the joints to be properly broken, and not less than six inches of covering; the whole of the cut stone to be properly bordered and cramped where found necessary. The work to be executed as shown by the drawing; the cills and angle-posts to be framed of oak of suitable dimensions; the remainder of the wood to be of good spruce or pine. The whole to be well and properly secured to the present work, with suitable bolts, nuts, and screws; the roof to be covered with sheet lead, of six pounds weight to the superficial foot, and the wood work to have two coats of good oil paint. The cut stone work and the main roof to be properly secured at the joining, and lead flushing put in where necessary.

St. John's, 1st June, 1852.

I hereby tender, engage and agree, to supply all the materials of every description; all the scaffolding and tackle necessary and essential for the foregoing work, and to do and perform all the work mentioned in the foregoing specification, in a good, substantial, and workmanlike manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent of the Colonial Building and Market-House, and to have the whole completed on or before the last day of July next, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds currency; and I further agree to do and perform any work ordered by the Superintendent, and by him considered

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necessary thereto, without any extra charge. The quality and scantling of the materials to be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

(Signed)

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN.

Accepted and agreed on the part of the Commissioners.

PATRICK KOUGH,

Supt. Col. Building and Market-House.

Present—

(Signed)

T. J. KOUGH.

Memorandum of the expense of erecting the Clock-turret at the Court House.

Messrs. Southcott, for stone	£42	19	2
Messrs. Thomas & Co., lead, brick, and slate	17	13	0
Clift Wood & Co., cement, stone, &c.,	6	1	4
Bulley & Mitchell, lime	1	10	0
3 loads of foreign sand, at 3s.	0	9	0
2 ditto ditto, at 2s.	0	4	0
20 cubic feet of oak at 4s.	4	0	0
Nails, lock, hinges, &c.	1	10	0
Daniel Cameron and George Caldwell, for stone cutting	35	0	0
For setting the same	12	5	0
Carpenters	15	10	0
Sawyers	0	10	0
Blacksmith's bill	6	10	0
Painter's ditto	1	15	0
Labourers	12	1	6
Plumber	2	15	0
Slater and Plasterer	1	12	0
Cart hire	2	15	0
Scaffolding and Machinery	2	10	0
	<u>£167</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN, Contractor.

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St. John's, 15th March, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a Report from the Commissioners appointed for carrying into effect the Act of the Legislature, for the erection of a Penitentiary, together with certain documents alluded to therein.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. G. GARRETT,

Chairman.

The Honble. JAMES CROWDY,
&c., &c., &c.

 REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PENITENTIARY.

The Commissioners nominated by His Excellency Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, the late Governor, for the purpose of carrying out the Act of the local Legislature, Vic.—, Cap—, for building a Penitentiary in St. John's, and for the government thereof, beg leave to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the steps they have taken in furtherance of the object contemplated by the Legislature.

The Commissioners having assembled and appointed B. G. Garrett, Esq., their Chairman, their first deliberations were as to the best means of procuring an eligible site; and finding on enquiry there was not any land belonging to Government unappropriated that was suitable for their purpose, they caused notices to be inserted in the public papers, soliciting persons having land to dispose of in the neighbourhood of the town, to offer the same by way of tender. In answer to these advertisements, thirty-seven separate lots were offered for sale; out of these the Commissioners selected several for a personal inspection, and visited them accordingly, and after mature deliberation chose a lot of land of five acres, part of Harris's Estate, situate between the road leading to Quidi Vidi, and the lake of that name, by which it is bounded on the north, and which lot, within a short distance of the town, combines a healthy and comparatively sheltered situation, with great facility for drainage, abundance of good water, easiness of access, and the means of perfect isolation.

The Commissioners being aware of the great improvements made in England of late years, in the treatment and management of prisoners with a view to their more effectual reformation, and of this subject having been repeatedly under the anxious consideration of the Imperial Parliament who, on various occasions, had received luminous reports from different Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of prison discipline; and being moreover desirous that this colony should reap the benefit of all the recent improvements adopted in Great Britain, addressed a letter to the Inspector General of Prisons in England, soliciting his advice and assistance in procuring a plan for a Penitentiary suitable to the wants of the colony; and to enable him to form a correct opinion on this point, various statistical returns connected with the Gaol in St. John's for the last fifteen years were forwarded for his information and guidance. His Honor the Administrator was pleased, at the request of the Commissioners, to forward a duplicate of the letter and its enclosures to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, soliciting His Lordship's interference with the Inspector General in accomplishing the object the Commissioners had in view.

The proper heating, ventilating, and drainage of the proposed building, the Commissioners felt to be of the utmost importance; no matter how perfect it might be in other respects, if

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deficient in these, the rest of its capabilities would be comparatively valueless; foul air and dampness would show their prejudicial effects on prisoners of the most robust constitution, when under the confinement and restraint necessary to be observed in a Penitentiary; and therefore to obviate as far as in them lay any defect in particulars so essential, the Commissioners further solicited the Inspector General's assistance in procuring a competent person capable of directing the different tradesmen in their various departments; and they are happy to say their applications were attended with success. Plans were prepared by an Architect under the direction of the Inspector General, to whom they were submitted for approval, and a person engaged who had superintended the building of more than one of the recently erected prisons in England.

It now becomes necessary for the Commissioners to decide upon one or two points that had long formed a prominent part in their deliberations, and which they approached with a full sense of the responsibility attached to a right conclusion: was it best to advertise for the performance of the work by one contract, or to take several, or to become purchasers of the materials themselves and contract for the labour only.

The first has been the course usually adopted in this country; but taking into account the large sums to be expended, and the impossibility of getting persons of sufficient means to compete for the performance of a work of such magnitude, without their depending almost altogether upon the advances made by the Commissioners, and being warned by the difficulties and disputes that have arisen from such a course in the erection of some of the public buildings in the country, the Commissioners were afraid that no prudence or foresight on their part would protect them from similar difficulties, and they gave up the idea of contracting for the performance of the work in this manner.

The employment of several contractors on the same building was open to so many obvious inconveniences that the Commissioners abandoned this mode of proceeding also, and the only other course left open for them to pursue, was the one last above suggested, namely, their becoming the purchasers of everything required, and contracting from time to time for the performance of the labor only.

There are many advantages which the Government will have the benefit of by following this out.—The funds placed at the disposal of the Commissioners by the Legislature, will enable them to purchase and import from the cheapest market at the lowest cash price, and from first hands, whereby all profits to intermediate holders are saved, and at the same time the very best materials, which are rarely purchased by contractors, are secured.

On the arrival of the plans prepared in England, in charge of the Architect engaged under the authority of the Inspector General of Prisons, they were carefully examined by the Commissioners, with a view to ascertain if they were susceptible of any alterations that would have the effect of reducing the expense without interfering with the efficiency of the building. It was found that certain rooms could be dispensed with, and that others might be rearranged (as not being necessary for the circumstances of the country) by which means an estimated outlay of One Thousand Pounds would be saved; accordingly, the Commissioners had the amended plans prepared with a specification annexed, and, in compliance with the Local Act, transmitted to His Excellency the Governor and Council for approval.

The plans having been returned unaltered to the Commissioners, they commenced seeking for information as to the best material they could use in constructing the walls, their choice being limited to the common rubble stone of the country or the American hard-pressed bricks (in either case using granite quoins and facings for windows and doors), or to building the outside face of the walls of rough-cut granite. Two of the Commissioners being about to visit the Province of Nova Scotia and the United States of America, the Board

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suspended their decision as to the materials to be used, until their return, hoping by the information they obtained abroad to be materially assisted in coming to a right conclusion, and in the meantime the necessary drainage and the foundations of the buildings were proceeded with, and the ground enclosed with a board fence.

On the return of the absent Commissioners, the subject of the materials to be used was again brought under consideration; different proposals from individuals in both Nova Scotia and the United States of America had been procured, and estimates based on them, as well as one on the supposition of the common rubble stone of the country being employed, were prepared. By these it appeared that the cost of building with American hard-pressed bricks and granite quoins and facing for doors and windows, would be somewhat more than if granite only were used for the whole,—that rubble stone, with granite used as with bricks, would not be quite so expensive as granite only,—but that the difference in favor of rubble stone was so little, as not to justify the use of it in preference to granite which has so manifestly an advantage not only in appearance but durability—in all probability not requiring the expenditure of a shilling for repairs for many years to come, instead of being an annual drain upon the Colonial chest, and requiring a large annual outlay in the vain endeavour to prevent the admission of rain. For these, and many other reasons they might enumerate, the Commissioners felt they were consulting the best interests of the colony in deciding on the use of granite.

Before closing this part of the subject, it may be proper to state that ere recourse was had to a foreign market for building material, every exertion was made to procure it of a suitable character in this country. Several places around Signal Hill, which the Architect thought presented favourable appearances, were opened, but after having been worked down, were found to produce stones having numerous cracks and veins running through them, rendering them quite unfit for the chisel. The Commissioners also sought for granite from the quarries at Kelligrews, but this they found to be very defective in solidity, and bad as it was, not to be procured even in the rough state as taken from the quarry for less than twenty shillings per ton—a price for an inferior quality much greater than has ultimately been given for the very best.

Information having been given to the Commissioners that the American mode of measuring cut-stone differed much from that pursued in Great Britain and the Colonies, they thought it would be desirable to send their Architect to Boston that he might inform himself not only upon this point, but also as to the quality of the granite offered. They the more readily adopted this course, as his services could then be dispensed with, the mason work having been brought to a close for the winter. He accordingly prepared plans from those approved of, exhibiting the outside faces of the walls of the buildings, having each stone therein separately marked and numbered, and being furnished with written instructions for his guidance, a letter of introduction to one of the most respectable firms in Boston, through whom the contract and agreements for the purchases were to be made, he took his departure.

On his arrival at Boston, he proceeded to examine the qualities of the granite in the different quarries in the neighbourhood, at the same time causing advertisements to be inserted in the papers for tenders for the supply required. Several were offered, but as they all exceeded the amount he was restricted to, they were declined. However, in a personal interview with one of those who had tendered, an alteration was suggested in that proposed mode of cutting the granite, by which the cost would be very much reduced, owing to their peculiar system of measuring, without in the least impairing the efficiency of the walls in detracting from their appearance; and accordingly a reduction in the sum first asked, of four thousand dollars, was made, and an agreement based thereon was subsequently entered into, on be-

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half of the Commissioners, by the Agent in Boston. The first cargo of this purchase has arrived, and is now lodged on the ground. It is much admired for closeness of grain, and purity of color; and, indeed, it is only justice to their Architect, Mr. Nevil, that the Commissioners should here express their entire satisfaction with the manner in which he executed his mission.

The wretched condition of the miserably ill-adapted place which has been occupied as a temporary gaol since the destruction of the former in the fire of 1846, having been repeatedly brought under the notice of the Government, and the fear that, bad as it was, from the evident symptoms of decay which it bore, it could not, in all probability, last more than a year or two, induced the Legislature to pass an Act for the erection of a building that would not only be used as a Common Gaol in the place of the one destroyed, but also as a Penitentiary for the reception and reformation of prisoners convicted and sentenced to be imprisoned therein by the different Courts throughout the Island.

At the time this question was under the consideration of the House of Assembly, there was, unfortunately, no person in the country capable of giving the necessary information as to a plan for the building it was their intention to provide for. The modern systems of prison discipline carried out in the old world, as well as in the new, may differ in the details in different countries, yet they are all designed, not alone for the safe custody of prisoners, as was formerly the case, but more especially with a view to their reformation; and they therefore require much more extensive accommodation than was necessary under the old system, under which the inmates of each prison were generally crowded together.

Now, the means of separation and classification of the more depraved from the common description of offenders, and the complete isolation of the debtors' ward, and also of the females' ward, from the other portions of the prison, are considered absolutely and indispensably necessary for any mode of treatment that can be expected to have a beneficial effect. As no plans could be procured in the colony, there was consequently no estimate of the cost of the proposed building, and the amount appropriated for this purpose has been found to be quite inadequate. Of this fact, the Commissioners themselves were ignorant, until the arrival in this country of the plans prepared and recommended for adoption by the Inspector General of Prisons, who informed the Commissioners that such a prison erected in England would cause an outlay of upwards of ten thousand pounds. It is adapted for the accommodation of fifty-two persons in all, and at the same time it is so constructed as to be easily enlarged to hold double that number, should the circumstances of the country at any time require it, and that at a comparatively small cost.

A portion of the Commissioners' engagements having been entered into in England ere they were aware of the gross sum required, they felt that notwithstanding its exceeding the amount placed at their disposal by the Legislature, they had no alternative but to proceed with the work entrusted to them. Had there been a gaol fit to keep prisoners, they would have allowed another year to pass, ere going further; but looking at the requirements of the colony for a place of more safety for prisoners, and conceiving that the steps they had taken were, in their judgment, the best that could be devised, combining economy, immediate and prospective, with durability of material, efficiency in construction for all purposes contemplated by the Legislature to arise from a Penitentiary, they have gone on to order an importation of the various materials, hoping to proceed with the building the moment the weather will permit, and they confidently trust that the course of proceeding they have taken the responsibility to adopt, will meet with the approbation of the Government and the Legislature. With a view of affording the fullest information, the Commissioners have caused an estimate to be prepared, shewing in detail the amounts required for the exigence of the building. This they have annexed, together with a copy of their letter to the Inspector General, when

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soliciting his services in behalf of the object they had in view; an account of the expenses already incurred, and a small plan of the work in progress.

Ere closing this report, the Commissioners have to acknowledge the very great assistance they have derived from the gratuitous services of G. T. Brooking, Esq., in his having various interviews with the Inspector General of Prisons, in his proceeding to Birmingham to inquire into the best mode of heating the prison, and in his general services in furtherance of the object the Commissioners had in view.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. G. GARRETT, *Chairman*.
 H. W. HOYLES.
 J. J. GRIEVE.
 L. O'BRIEN.
 J. SHEA.

St. John's 13th March, 1853.

 COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS IN ENGLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, 2nd August, 1851.

DEAR SIR,—From the kind manner in which you entered into my views in wishing to procure an efficient Gaoler for the colony in 1846, rendered abortive by the counter orders I received from the Governor, induces me to address you on the present occasion, requesting your assistance in a matter of the greatest importance to the future interests of the colony.

During the last session of our local Legislature, the sum of £7,500 was voted for the purposes of building a Penitentiary, with suitable offices and encloses, to be used as a reformatory prison, as well as a place for the safe-keeping of prisoners before trial, and also for the confinement of debtors; and a Board of Commissioners, of whom I am Chairman, appointed to carry the same into effect.

With a view of giving you all the information in my power, to enable you to form an opinion on what would be necessary for us, I send you a newspaper containing a report of the Select Committee of the Legislature, appointed to examine into the subject of Prison Discipline, and the evidence taken before them. It also contains various returns prepared by me, of matters connected with the gaol for the last 15 years, being the period I have been in office, as well as the Rules and Regulations for the management of the Penitentiary in Nova Scotia, which, it would appear, our Legislature thought it would be well for us to adopt in this country.

My brother Commissioners agree with me in the opinion that the prison ought not to be more than two stories high, (over basement), containing fifty cells for Male Prisoners, the basement story for cellars, shops, Punishment Cells, &c., to be only half under the level of the ground, with an area around; when deeper than this, it becomes objectionable from the

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lodgment of snow in the winter season—a period of considerable duration in this country; as we have so few female prisoners to provide for, perhaps accommodation might be found for them in a portion of the building to be set apart for debtors, or under the Chapel or Hospital; but this is merely a suggestion, and not intended to interfere in the slightest degree with what you may consider best. Apartments would be required for the Superintendent and his wife and family; also, for a Matron, keeper, and two deputy keepers; we do not think a greater number of officers will be required, and as the funds at our disposal are limited, it is requisite to husband them for the more important parts of the building; the expectations of the class of persons I have named are moderate, and need not be provided with the extensive accommodation such officers would have in England.

I have been fortunate in procuring a copy of your Report on Pentonville prison, presented to Parliament in 1844, from the study of which I have derived the greatest benefit, as well as pleasure; the plans and details are so elaborate that it will form a book of reference for our guidance in all points of difficulty; the corridor, gallery, dimensions and construction of cells, I hope to see carried out, should such meet your views of what may be desirable for us. Hot air and ventilating flues, and the necessary apparatus will be required, but I am much afraid that water cannot be conveyed in pipes to the cells, nor water-closets used above the basement story; the cold is at times very severe, and the water in its transit may be frozen so as to burst the pipes; I mention this to prevent unnecessary trouble in providing for its introduction higher up in the building; the baths must also be in the basement; it is desirable that the work shops for the different trades be brought within range of the hot air, so that the prisoners' work may be continued in the winter months.

All these things will immediately occur to you, and many others I am unacquainted with; and I need not, perhaps, have gone further in addressing an officer of such extensive experience in all matters connected with prison discipline, than merely state the amount of funds at our disposal, and the probable number of prisoners to be provided for.

In preparing a plan for the Penitentiary, it would be desirable that the Architect provide for the enlargement of it at some future day, when the circumstances of the colony may require it, so as to give accommodation for fifty additional prisoners, and at the same time preserve the uniformity of its appearance. The ground available for the whole establishment I suppose to be two acres; had the selection of the lot from those offered for sale been made, I would enclose a diagram, but as a more desirable site may be found than those at present known, no decision has yet been arrived at.

The expense attending the preparation for Plans, Specifications and Estimate, I will be responsible for; if the expense attending the entering into detail of the latter will be much, a general statement of the probable cost will be sufficient, but the former must be very full, that a not very experienced Architect may be able to carry them out. I will then be prepared for the event of my being obliged to have recourse to the talent in the colony; but I am anxious, if our funds will admit of such, to engage a competent person to come from England, a practical man, one who has already had experience in like buildings; perhaps you know such an one, and could ascertain what he would expect per annum during the performance of the work, to commence operation about the 1st of April next; his expenses here would not be more, most likely, less, than in England. Possibly four or five per cent upon the amount already voted, as well as upon any further grant the Legislature may make, would be sufficient inducement for a person to come to this country competent to take the entire management, direction and superintendence of the work, until completed in all respects as the plans may point out. If you find on those being prepared that the estimate for the building and boundary wall exceeds the amount of £7500, I am of opinion that the latter may be left out of the estimate for the present, or that, if kept in, I may anticipate, with-

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out being over sanguine, a further grant from the Legislature of £2500, provided the additional sum cover all expenses; however, your judgment and recommendation on the necessity of this, would have great weight with the Legislature, should the subject be brought under their consideration.

The Architect is not to attempt any ornament on the eve of the buildings, no parapet, or battlement; the water must have a clear fall from the roofs; the sudden change of temperature from a free thaw to hard frost, and the heavy drifts of snow, render it unsafe to have any place on the roof where a lodgment can be made for either snow or rain. Pray instruct him to prepare an estimate of the probable cost of the stone necessary for the houses (not including the surrounding walls) prepared ready for use in conformity with the plan you adopt, to be delivered *free on board* in London, Liverpool, Greenock, or Cork, being the ports our trading vessels mostly sail from, and from whence the freight would be less, noting the probable number of tons weight there would be in the whole, and the number of thousand of bricks we may require; at the same time it would be well to bear in mind, that if the purchase could be made on better terms, deliverable at other ports than those I have mentioned, to state the same in the estimate, leaving it open for us to select one or the other, if it is beneficial for us to do so.

With respect to the kind of stone, either free stone, lime stone, or Granite, will suit: we do not require the face of the stone to be smooth, but the edges must be squared, capable of being fitted close in the joints, exposing little mortar to the operation of the weather.

You would be conferring an additional favor on us, by as early an attention to our wants as your more important duties will admit of, as it is very desirable that we may be in a position to enter into the necessary contracts without delay, that all may be ready to commence work by the 1st April next.

That the Local Government may be aware of the steps the Commissioners are taking to carry into effect the Act of the Legislature, I have forwarded a Copy of this letter to His Honor the Administrator, who may perhaps in some way draw the attention of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the subject of it.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

B. G. GARRETT,

"True Copy."

Chairman Penitentiary Commissioners.

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AN ESTIMATE IN DETAIL OF THE PROBABLE OUTLAY IN CARRYING INTO EFFECT THE ERECTION OF A PENITENTIARY IN ST. JOHN'S.

Bricks, labour, mortar, cement, and hoop-iron, in walls complete	£4,818	0	0
Granite, freight of the same, delivery upon the ground and erection in the building	5898	5	0
Excavation and well-sinking	100	0	0
Rubble work in foundations to officers' houses and gateway.....	300	0	0
Timber, labour on same, and Joiner's work in floors, doors, &c.,	1132	0	0
Centreing and scaffolding	100	0	0
Slates, nails, felt and labor	300	0	0
Iron columns, girders, windows, work to galleries, &c.....	500	0	0
Plasterers' work	250	0	0
Plumbing, glazing and painting	515	0	0
Warming and ventilation, cooking boilers, air flues, water supply, baths, and water closets	1150	0	0
Ironmongery and bell hanging	240	0	0
Architect's salary—12 months	250	0	0
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	15,554	5	0
Add 5 per cent for contingencies.....	777	14	3
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	16331	19	3
Deduct amount paid for materials in hand but charged above	584	19	3
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	£15,747	19	3

J. T. NEVILL, Architect.

February, 1853.

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D. G. GARRATT, (Signed)

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A GENERAL STATEMENT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE TREASURY,
AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF THE PENITENTIARY, FOR THE
YEAR 1852.

*Benjamin Greer Garrett Esq., Chairman Penitentiary Commissioners, in Account with Her
Majesty's Government, 1852.*

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		Sterling.	Currency.
March 26.—To Cash received	£250 0 6	288 9 3
May 8. " ditto	400 0 0	461 10 9
June 1. " ditto	.....	600 0 0	692 6 2
" 23. " ditto	.....	400 0 0	461 10 9
Aug. 10. " ditto	.....	200 0 0	230 15 5
" 27. " ditto	.....	500 0 0	576 18 5
Sept. 18. " ditto	.....	500 0 0	576 18 5
Oct. 13. " ditto	.....	500 0 0	576 18 5
		£3,350 0 0	3,865 7 8

1852.

		Sterling.
Dec. 31.—To amount drawn from Treasury to this date	£3,350 0 0
		£3,350 0 0

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		Currency.
1852.		
Dec. 31.—By cash paid Labor and Miscellaneous expenses up to 31st Dec., 1852, including all sums paid under forty shillings	£663 19 3½
" " Cash paid as per 51 Vouchers	.....	3014 16 2½
		£3678 15 6
" " Balance of Cash in the Bank, as per Bank book	.....	186 12 2
		£3865 7 8

1852.

		Currency.	Sterling.
Dec. 31.—By Cash in Bank B. N. A., as per Bank book		£186 12 2	161 14 6
" " In Messrs. Brooking & Co., London, about			340 0 0
" " Amount expended on labor performed, and in the purchase of materials used, or remain- ing on hand		2848 5 6
			£3350 0 0

(Signed)

B. G. GARRETT,
Chairman Penitentiary Commissioners

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A GENERAL STATEMENT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE TEEASURY
AND EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF THE PENITENTIARY
FOR THE YEAR 1852.

An account of Money expended in the erection of the Colonial Penitentiary.

1852.

Month.	Day.	Voucher.				
March	24th	1	Cash for Bill remitted G. T. Brooking, Esq., on account	£236	0	0
"	26th	2	Cash paid different printers for advertising for ground for Penitentiary	12	6	6
May	8th	2	Ditto ditto first week's labour and incidentals	6	5	0
"	12th	2	Ditto ditto second	26	5	11
"	22nd	2	Ditto ditto third	31	4	6
"	29th	2	Ditto ditto fourth	31	6	0
June	1st	3	Ditto for Bill remitted Messrs. Brooking & Son on account	600	0	0
"	5th	3	Ditto paid fifth week's labour and incidentals	33	4	3
"	8th	4	Ditto ditto Sarah Gill Harris, part purchase money	38	4	3
"	11th	5	Ditto Samuel Carnell, repairing wheelbarrows	55	4	7
"	12th	5	Ditto ditto sixth week's labour and incidentals	3	8	6
"	14th	6	Ditto ditto E. & N. Stabb, for materials... ..	30	4	5
"	16th	7	Ditto ditto George Loveys, for materials... ..	2	14	3
"	19th	7	Ditto ditto seventh week's labour and incidentals	3	11	2
"	19th	8	Ditto ditto B. Robinson, Esq., for professional services	19	0	5
"	24th	9	Ditto ditto Richard Carnell, for his interest in land bought from Miss Harris	5	4	7
"	25th	10	Ditto ditto R. R. Holden, Esq., for professional services	20	0	0
"	26th	10	Ditto eight week's labour and incidentals... ..	10	0	0
"	30th	10	Ditto ditto for postages up to this date.....	15	19	9
July	1st	11	Ditto ditto for postages up to this date.....	2	15	0
"	1st	12	Ditto ditto J. & R. Kent, for bricks	193	16	6
"	3rd	13	Ditto ditto Mr. Jarvis to remit on account of cargo per " Rose"	120	10	0
"	3rd	13	Ditto ditto Clift Wood & Co., for materials	2	6	9
"	6th	14	Ditto ditto ninth week's labour and incidentals	19	12	0
"	10th	14	Ditto Messrs. Brooking & Son, amount of balance due on Architect's passage and expenses	11	16	8
"	13th	15	Ditto ditto tenth week's labour and incidentals	16	14	3
"	13th	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ditto ditto Patrick Connors and Denis Higgins, for contract of stone	18	10	0
"	16th	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ditto ditto J. T. Nevill, on account of salary	25	5	0
"	19th	16	Ditto ditto eleventh week's labour and incidentals	36	17	3
"	23rd	16	Ditto ditto Bowring Brothers, 12 cwt. hoop-iron for heating vaults	7	10	0
"	24th	17	Ditto ditto twelfth week's labour and incidentals	23	14	6
"	24th	18	Ditto ditto Roger Flahavan for sand	11	0	0
"	30th	18	Ditto ditto Charles Daley, contract main drain and soil pit	9	18	0
"	30th	18	Ditto ditto thirteenth week's labour and incidentals ...	26	11	2

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Month.	Day.	Voucher.			
July	30th	19	Cash paid Charles Daly, contract main drain and soil pit	9	7 6
"	30th	20	Cash paid Roger Flahavan, for sand	7	4 0
Aug.	6th	20	Ditto ditto fourteen week's labour and incidentals	23	2 9
"	7th	21	Ditto ditto Charles Daley, main drain and soil pit	17	0 0
"	7th	22	Ditto ditto Roger Flahavan, balance due for sand	4	10 6
"	7th	22½	Ditto ditto J. T. Nevill, on account of 'saalry	15	0 0
"	11th	23	Ditto ditto John White, for shed belonging to Mechanics' Society	8	0 0
"	14th	24	Ditto ditto Charles Daly, contract main drain and soil pit	20	0 0
"	14th	25	Ditto ditto Henry Roach, contract for heating vault ..	88	0 0
"	14th	25	Ditto ditto fifteen week's labour and incidentals	22	10 11
"	17th	26	Ditto ditto J. & W. Boyd, for juniper for cell door frames... ..	25	17 11
"	17th	26	Ditto ditto sixteen week's labour and incidentals	27	7 10
"	21st	27	Ditto ditto Henry Roach, contract for heating vault ..	64	0 0
"	27th	28	Ditto ditto Gilbert Browning, for one shed, and removing two sheds on the Penitentiary ground ...	18	0 0
"	28th	29	Ditto ditto Bowring Brothers, for hoop iron for ground foundation	10	18 0
"	28th	30	Ditto ditto Henry Roach, balance contract for heating vault	123	0 0
"	28th	31	Ditto ditto Charles Daly, balance contract main drain and soil pit	50	5 5
"	28th	31	Ditto ditto seventeen week's labour and incidentals....	38	12 1
"	31st	32	Ditto ditto E. L. Jarvis, to pay balance due on Cargo per "Rose."	10	8 10
Sept.	4th	32	Ditto ditto eighteen week's labor and incidentals	30	18 3
"	4th	33	Ditto ditto Roach and Daley, contract for general foundation.	87	0 0
"	11th	33	Ditto ditto nineteen week's labor and incidentals	24	8 6
"	11th	34	Ditto ditto Roach and Daley, contract for general foundation	64	0 0
"	11th	35	Ditto ditto Stabb, Row & Co., freight per "Christopher," of iron castings	3	15 7
"	18th	35	Ditto ditto twenty week's labor and incidentals	29	2 8
"	18th	35	Ditto ditto Sarah G. Harris, Debenture Note, being paid purchase money	230	15 5
"	18th	35	Ditto ditto Sarah G. Harris, balance due purchase money—title deeds	114	0 0
"	18th	36	Ditto ditto Gilbert Browning, Carpenters' work	19	7 0
"	22nd	36½	Ditto ditto J. T. Nevill, on account of salary	35	0 0
"	24th	37	Ditto ditto McBride and Kerr, hoop iron for foundation wall	2	9 0
"	25th	37	Ditto ditto twenty-one weeks' labor and incidentals ...	19	0 1
"	25th	38	Ditto ditto Roach and Daley, contract general foundation	116	0 0
Oct.	2nd	38	Ditto ditto twenty-two weeks labor and incidentals ...	19	14 9
"	2nd	39	Ditto ditto Roach and Daley, contract general foundation	50	0 0

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Month.	Day.	Voucher.			
Oct.	2nd	40	To cash paid Bowring Brothers, 1 cwt. hoop-iron, foundation wall.....	£6 15 0
"	2nd	41	Ditto ditto Gas Company—400 bricks.....	.....	3 4 0
"	9th	41	Ditto ditto twenty three week's labour and incidentals	.....	17 5 5
"	11th	42	Ditto ditto J. & W. Boyd, for juniper .....	.....	31 1 7
"	12th	43	Ditto ditto Roach and Daley, contract general foundation.....	.....	170 0 0
"	13th	44	Ditto ditto Roach and Daley, balance of contract for do.	.....	76 11 3
"	15th	44	Ditto ditto twenty four weeks' labour and incidentals	.....	18 4 10
"	22nd	44	Ditto ditto twenty five weeks' do. do.....	.....	16 12 8
"	25th	45	Ditto ditto J. & W. Boyd for lumber .....	.....	6 0 0
"	30th	45	Ditto ditto twenty-five week's labour and incidentals ...	.....	15 5 8
"	30th	46	Ditto ditto E. L. Jarvis, further balance on cargo per "Rose" .....	.....	1 16 0
Nov.	3rd	47	Ditto ditto Baine, Johnston & Co., J. T. Nevil's passage to Halifax.....	.....	6 0 0
"	3rd	47 $\frac{1}{4}$	Ditto ditto J. T. Nevil, on account of expenses to Boston, £50 Stg. ....	.....	60 0 0
"	3rd	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ditto ditto J. T. Nevill, on account of salary .....	.....	15 0 0
"	5th	48	Ditto ditto John Norman, freight per "Rose" from St. John, New Brunswick .....	.....	60 0 0
"	6th	48	Ditto ditto twenty-seven weeks' labor and incidentals	.....	7 12 6
"	13th	48	Ditto ditto twenty-eight do. do. ....	.....	7 9 0
"	20th	48	Ditto ditto twenty-nine do. do. ....	.....	7 17 0
"	27th	49	Ditto ditto Richard English (Mason), for Kelly's Island Stone .....	.....	14 16 0
"	27th	49	Ditto ditto thirty weeks' labor and incidentals .....	.....	8 14 6
Dec.	3rd	49	Ditto ditto thirty-one do. do. ....	.....	10 3 7
"	11th	49	Ditto ditto thirty-two do. do. ....	.....	9 16 0
"	19th	50	Ditto ditto Charles Simms, Esq., registering Deed .....	.....	2 6 2
"	26th	51	Ditto ditto Brooking & Son, paid freight per "Rosalie"	.....	14 18 0
"	31st	51	Ditto ditto labor and incidental expenses from 12th to 31st December .....	.....	3 1 2
					<u>£3,678 15 2</u>
"	31st		Balance of Cash in the Bank as per Bank Book .....	.....	186 12 6
					<u>£3,865 7 8</u>

Miscellaneous.

LETTER ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PUBLIC LAMPS.

SAINT JOHN'S, March 28th, 1853.

SIR.—In reply to your request for an explanation of the document which you handed to me, purporting to be a statement of the number of nights during the past year when the street lamps were not lighted, I beg leave to observe, that when they were first put up, it was deemed unnecessary to light them on the moonlight nights in each month, and this was considered in the arrangement then made for supplying the light, with regard to the sum agreed upon between the Gas Company and the Executive. The number of those not lit on the moonlight nights for the year will be over 2,000, and thus will be accounted for the greater part of those lamps noted in the return as not having been lighted: the correctness of that return however is by no means admitted.

As to some of the lamps having been out occasionally, there are many causes to account for it; the first and principal one being the great number which are mischievously broken at night; scarcely a week passes over without some of them being injured, and it requires time to repair the damages; but no unnecessary delay is ever allowed to take place in doing so. Another cause is, that the lamps are frequently put out by design, as in many instances the lamp-lighter has relit them on the same night, having found them extinguished after the first lighting.

The lamps are lighted about dusk every night (except moonlight nights) by a sober and careful man, named Patrick McGrath, who is specially employed by the Company for that purpose. He has instructions to turn on the gas to the fullest extent, and he states that he always does so. It may be that the streets are not sufficiently lighted, but it is owing to the lamps being too few.

I enclose for your information, a statement of the quantity of gas consumed in the lamps, and the expenses connected therewith, by which you will perceive that the grant from the Legislature is insufficient for the service rendered, and that the Gas Company *at present* contributes largely towards lighting the town; also a statement from Isaac Woodly, who lit the lamps for the 12 months ending the 12th August 1852, shewing the breakage during that time. The present lamp-lighter (McGrath) not being able to write, has not kept such a particular account, but the damages to the lamps, as he can testify, if you examine him, have not been less since he has been employed.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN M. BRINE,

Secretary to the St. John's

Gas Light Company. }

H. W. Hoyles, Esq., M. C. P., &c., &c.,

SITUATION OF THE PUBLIC LAMPS

WATER STREET.

Queen's Wharf .....	.....	.....	.....	1
O'Brien & Co's .....	.....	.....	.....	1
Job Brothers, (Cove)	.....	.....	.....	1
Dearin .....	.....	.....	.....	1
Clift's, (Cove) .....	.....	.....	.....	1

Miscellaneous.

WATER STREET.

Baine Johnston & Co	.....	.....	.....	1
McBride's (Cove)	.....	.....	.....	1
Fogarthy	.....	.....	.....	1
Stabb Row & Co	.....	.....	.....	1
Beck's (Cove)	.....	.....	.....	1
Warren's (Cove)	.....	.....	.....	1
J. & W. Stewart	.....	.....	.....	1
Rennie's (Cove)	.....	.....	.....	1
Wilson & Meynell (Cove)	.....	.....	.....	1
Hounsell	.....	.....	.....	1
Cuddihy	.....	.....	.....	1
Barron's, (near the S. S. bridge)	.....	.....	.....	1
				<hr/>
				17

DUCKWORTH STREET.

Robinson's, (Meeting House hill	.....	.....	.....	1
{ *Mrs. Foley's ...	.....	.....	.....	1
{ Foot of Cochrane-street	.....	.....	.....	1
				<hr/>
				20
				<hr/>

*These two lamps were removed a short time ago, in consequence of the buildings near which they were erected undergoing alterations, but will be re-placed as soon as possible.

STATEMENT OF THE BREAKAGE IN THE PUBLIC LAMPS.—GLASS PLACED IN PUBLIC GAS-LAMPS BY I. WOODLEY.

1851.				
Sept. 10.—Lamp at Warren's Cove	.....	.....	.....	1 pane
" " Ditto at Dearin's shop, opposite Thomas'	.....	.....	.....	2 "
" 20.—Ditto at L. O'Brien's	.....	.....	.....	4 "
" 21.—Ditto at Dearin's	.....	.....	.....	4 "
" 25.—Ditto ditto	.....	.....	.....	1 "
" 26.—Ditto at John Barron's	.....	.....	.....	1 "
" 28.—Ditto at Wilson & Meynell's ...	.....	.....	.....	1 "
Oct. 6.—Ditto at Warren's Cove	.....	.....	.....	4 "
" 13.—Ditto at Harvey & Fox's	.....	.....	.....	4 "
" " Ditto at John Barron's	.....	.....	.....	2 "
" 22.—Ditto at Carter's Cove	.....	.....	.....	2 "
" 29.—Ditto at ditto	.....	.....	.....	3 "
Nov. 17.—Ditto at John Barron's	.....	.....	.....	4 "
" 18.—Ditto at Harvey & Fox's, new lamp	.....	.....	.....	4 "
" 22.—Ditto at Robinson's do.	.....	.....	.....	4 "

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT, &c., [Continued.]

1851.			
Nov. 28.—	Ditto at Wilson & Meynell's...	.....	2 panes
Dec. 3.—	Ditto at Cochrane-street	.....	2 "
" 4.—	Ditto at Mrs. Foley's	.....	4 "
" " 4.—	Ditto at Cochrane-street	.....	4 "
" 6.—	Ditto at Queen's Wharf	.....	4 "
" " 6.—	Ditto at Clift's	.....	1 "
" 12.—	Ditto at Job's, new	.....	4 "
" 15.—	Ditto at Queen's Wharf	.....	1 "
" " 15.—	Ditto at Brennan's	.....	2 "
" 16.—	Ditto at Mrs. Foley's	.....	4 "
" 17.—	Ditto at at Police Station	.....	1 "
" 20.—	Ditto at James Fogarty's	.....	1 "
" " 20.—	Ditto at John Barron's	.....	1 "
1852.			
Jan. 11.—	Ditto at Robinson's	.....	3 "
" 13.—	Ditto at Cuddihy's	.....	2 "
" 19.—	Ditto at Wilson & Meynell's ...	.....	2 "
Mar. 18.—	Ditto at Carter's Cove	.....	1 "
" 20.—	Ditto ditto	.....	2 "
Aprl 13.—	Ditto at Brennan's	.....	2 "
" 20.—	Ditto ditto	.....	1 "
" 21.—	Ditto at L. O'Brien's, new	.....	4 "
" 22.—	Ditto at James Fogarty's	.....	1 "
May 8.—	Ditto at Mr. Grieve's, new	.....	4 "
" 17.—	Ditto at J. Barron's	.....	1 "
" 26.—	Ditto at Mr. Robinson's	.....	1 "
" " 26.—	Ditto at Wilson & Meynell's, new	.....	4 "
June 6.—	Ditto at Cochrane-street	.....	4 "
" 7.—	Ditto at Barron's	.....	1 "
" 25.—	Ditto at Carter's Cove	1 "
July 9.—	Ditto at McBride's, new	4 "
" 17.—	Ditto at Clift's	1 "

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GLASS FOR PUBLIC LAMPS.

Received from Mr. Thompson 111 panes

Thereby certify that the foregoing is a correct account of the breakage, &c., in the public lamps for the 12 months ending 12th August, 1852; and that during that time, from damages done to the old lamps, six new lamps had to be erected.

ISAAC WOODLEY.

St. John's, March 26th, 1853.

NUMBER OF PUBLIC GAS LAMPS NOT LIGHTED ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHTS, FROM MARCH 1st.,
1852, TO MARCH 1st., 1853.—NUMBER OF LAMPS—TWENTY.

March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept'r.	October.	November.	December.	January.	Feby.
1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, none lit	1, 2	1, 4	1, 2
2, do.	2, do.	2, do.	2, do.	2, do.	2, do.	4, 17	2, do.	2, do.	2, 2	2, 5	2, 2
3, do.	3, do.	3, 19	3, do.	3, do.	3, do.	5, 18	3, do.	3, 3	3, 2	3, 6	3, 2
4, do.	4, do.	4, n. lit	4, do.	4, do.	22, do.	24, n. lit	4, do.	4, 3	4, 2	4, 5	4, 2
5, do.	5, do.	6, 19	5, 18	25, 17	23, do.	27, do.	13, 2	5, 3	5, 2	5, 5	5, 3
6, do.	6, do.	8, 2	21, 2	26, n. lit	24, do.	28, do.	14, 2	6, 3	6, 2	6, 4	6, 2
7, do.	7, do.	9, 1	23, 2	27, do.	25, do.	29, do.	15, 3	7, 3	7, 2	7, 5	7, 2
8, do.	8, 2	10, 1	24, 1	28, do.	26, do.	30, do.	16, 3	8, 3	8, 2	8, 4	8, 2
9, 10 n. lit	9, 2	11, 1	27, n. lit	30, do.	27, do.		17, 3	9, 3	9, 2	9, 2	9, 2
10, 10	10, 2	12, 1	28, do.	31, do.	28, do.	155n.l.	19, 3	10, 3	10, 2	10, 2	10, 2
11, 9	11, 2	25, 1	29, do.		29, 19		20, 2	11, 3	11, 2	11, 6	11, 2
12, 8	12, 2	26, 1	30, do.	197 n.l.	30, n. lit		21, 2	12, 5	12, 2	12, 6	12, 3
13, 7	13, 9	28, n. lit			31, do.		22, 2	13, 4	13, 2	13, 3	13, 2
14, 4	14, 2	29, do.	183n.l.				23, n. lit.	14, 3	14, 4	14, n. lit.	14, 2
15, 5	15, 2	30, do.			259n.l.		24, do.	15, 5	15, n. lit	15, 5	15, 2
16, 5	16, 4						25, do.	16, 3	16, 4	16, n. lit.	16, 2
17, 5	17, 3	166n.l.					26, do.	17, 3	17, 2	17, do	17, 2
18, 6	18, 3						27, do.	18, 3	18, n. lit	18, do	18, n. lit.
19, 8	19, 3						28, do.	19, 3	19, do	19, do	19, do
20, 6	20, 4		March.....	329			29, do.	20, 2	20, do	20, do	20, do
21, 4	21, 2		April.....	230			30, do.	21, none lit	21, do	21, do	21, do
22, 5	22, 5		May.....	166			31, do.	22, do.	22, do	22, do	22, do
23, 3	23, 2		June.....	183				23, do.	23, do	23, do	23, do
24, 5	24, 2		July.....	197			285n.l.	24, do.	24, do	24, do	24, do
25, 4	28, 2		August... ..	259				25, do.	25, do	25, do	25, do
26, 5	29, n. lit		September..	155				26, do.	26, do	26, do	26, 2
27, 5	30, do.		October....	285				27, do.	27, do	27, 18	27, 2
28, 8			November..	312				28, do.	28, do	28, 6	28, 4
29, 7	230n.l.		December..	336				29, do.	29, do	29, 3	
30, n. lit			January....	339				30, do.	30, do	30, 3	204 n.l.
31, do.			February..	204					31, do	31, 7	
								312 n. lit			
329n.l.			Total.....	2995	lamps not lighted.				336 n. lit.	339 n. l.	

Miscellaneous.

APPENDIX.

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE QUANTITY OF GAS CONSUMED ANNUALLY IN THE GAS LAMPS, (STREETS OF ST. JOHN'S) AND OF THE EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO.

YEAR.....	365 nights.
Deduct 9 nights in each month, moonlight nights, when the lamps are not lighted.....	108
Lamps burning.....	257

Number of Lamps.	No of lights burning.	Time burning p. night.	Consumption ea. lamp per hour.	Total consumption per night.	Total for the year.
20	128	WINTER—from 5 p. m. to six a.m. being 13 hours each night.	4 feet per hour.	1040 feet.	Feet. 133,120
	129	SUMMER—from 8 p. m. to 4 a. m., being 8 hours per night.		640	82,560
20	257				213,680 feet Gas for the year.

213,680 feet Gas consumed in the lamps at 18s. per M.	.....	Cy. £192 6 1
Amount voted by the Legislature	.....	165 6 8
Value of Gas contributed by the Company	.....	£26 19 5
Interest on £200, being the amount expended in the erection of 20 lamps, and fixtures for the same, at 6 per cent per annum	.....	12 0 0
Amount paid the lamplighter per annum	.....	17 0 0
Expense of repairs of lamps, and occasional new lamps, as may be required, per annum ...	.....	12 0 0
Deficit to the Gas Company, per annum	.....	£67 19 5

JOHN M. BRINE,

Secretary St. John's Gas L. Company

St. John's, Newfoundland }
 March 28, 1853. }

Miscellaneous.

RETURN SHEWING THE AMOUNT OF DUTIES RECEIVED, AND THE CASH
REMITTED BY THE SUB-COLLECTOR OF BURIN, DURING THE YEAR
ENDED 5th. JANUARY, 1853.

QUARTER ENDED 5th APRIL, 1852.

1852.

To balance of Bonds from last year	.....	.....	.....	£156	14	3
“ Duties	.....	.....	.....	129	13	10
“ Light Dues	.....	.....	.....	12	1	0
				<u>£298</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>

By salary	.....	.....	.....	£28	4	10
“ Allowance for collecting Light dues	.....	.....	.....	0	12	0
“ Cash remitted	.....	.....	.....	161	14	8
“ Outstanding bonds to next quarter	.....	.....	.....	107	17	7
				<u>£298</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

QUARTER ENDED 5th. JULY, 1852.

To balance of bonds from last quarter	.....	.....	.....	£107	17	7
“ Duties	.....	.....	.....	436	8	2
“ Light Dues	.....	.....	.....	16	18	6
				<u>£561</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

By Salary	.....	.....	.....	£35	18	3
“ Allowance for collecting Light Dues	.....	.....	.....	0	16	11
“ Cash remitted	.....	.....	.....	245	7	3
“ Outstanding bonds to next quarter	.....	.....	.....	279	1	10
				<u>£561</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

QUARTER ENDED 10th OCTOBER, 1852.

To Balance of Bonds from last quarter	.....	.....	.....	£279	1	10
“ Duties	.....	.....	.....	396	13	8
“ Light Dues	.....	.....	.....	4	3	6
				<u>£679</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>

Miscellaneous.

STATEMENT OF DUTIES, &c., [Continued.]

By Salary	£34 18 4
“ Allowance for collecting Light Dues	0 4 2
“ Cash remitted	270 17 1
“ Outstanding bonds to next quarter	74 15 0
“ Cash on hand	299 4 5
	£679 19 0

QUARTER ENDED 5th JANUARY, 1853.

To Balance from last quarter, viz.,	
Bonds	£74 15 0
Cash	299 4 5
“ Duties	157 11 3
“ Light Dues	4 3 0
	£535 13 8

By Salary	£28 18 9
“ Allowance for collecting Light Dues	0 4 2
“ Cash remitted	350 4 2
“ Outstanding Bonds to next quarter	57 19 8
“ Cash on hand	98 6 11
	£535 13 8

JOHN KENT, *Collector.*

Custom House, St. John's, 9th April, 1853.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY IN REFERENCE TO THE STATE OF THE LOCK-UP HOUSE AT ST. JOHN'S, AND ESTIMATE OF COST OF CONVERTING PART OF THE MARKET-HOUSE INTO.

[Copy]

COURT GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS.

Grand Jury Room,
11th January, 1853. }

The Grand Jury for the General Quarter Sessions beg to report, that they have visited the building in Duckworth-street used as a Lock-up house, and on inspection found the Cells in a beastly condition and altogether unsuited for the safe-keeping of prisoners.

The Jury would therefore respectfully suggest that the north end of the principal story of the Market-house, immediately beneath the Sessions Court, be forthwith prepared to be applied as Lock-up, being very suitable for the purpose.

The Jury fully concur in the representation of the Court of the necessity for a more efficient constabulary force in this district.

Miscellaneous.

St. John's, 31st March, 1853.

It is proposed to enter a portion of the Market-house building at about half its height, to be appropriated as a Lock-up house, or prison, in connexion with the police department in this town, to cover an area of about forty by eighteen feet, to be closed in, partitioned off into three compartments, a passage, and a stairway leading up into the Court-room.

The approach and entrance from the outside to be on the eastern front, by a flight of stone stairs and gallery, to lead through the second window from Duckworth-street; the platform to be at about half the height of the window; the window-head removed and part of the wall taken down, to make sufficient head room; door-frame, &c. fixed and trimmed, and a suitable porch to stand on the platform or lobby.

The stairway leading down from the Sessions hall to be closed round at its head by a good pannelled partition, to the height of the window head; to have suitable door and trimmings; the ceilings, both under and over, to be counterceiled, so as to prevent the escape of sound or smell—and proper gratings fixed for the purpose of ventilation.

The whole of the framing, flooring, and partitioning to be well and substantially constructed, and of strong materials; the outward or surrounding partition to be of not less than seven inch scantling, set close together, lined with two inch plank, closely studded with clout-head nails, so as to prevent their being cut through.

The stone staircase and platform would require an iron Ballustrade and hand rail. And to complete the whole as proposed, in a good and efficient manner, would require an outlay of at least £250.

PATRICK KOUGH,

Superintendent Colonial Building and Market-house.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY ON THE STATE OF THE GAOL.

The attention of the Grand Jury was directed by the Keeper of the Gaol to the very dilapidated state of the outer wall on the eastern front which, in some parts, is falling down. The roof was also stated to be very leaky, and the rain to beat through by the windows in the keeper's and assistant's room. The debtors also complained of the working of the wooden beam in the cell, when blowing hard. The chimneys are also much out of repair.

The Grand Jury respectfully recommend that the attention of the Government be immediately called to the state of the building, that it may be repaired and put in a safe and proper condition.

There were several cracks visible in the walls.

For self and fellow jurors,

(Signed)

NICHOLAS STABB, *Foreman.*

Grand Jury Room,
30th May, 1853. }

 Miscellaneous.

 REPORT OF THE CLERK OF WORKS OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ON THE
 STATE OF THE GAOL AT SIGNAL HILL.

 Royal Engineers' Office,
 St. John's, Newfoundland, 2nd June, 1853.

SIR.—I have the honor to report that I yesterday inspected the building now occupied as a Colonial prison, Signal Hill Barracks, in conjunction with Mr. Kough, and beg to inform you that the east wall towards the sea and a portion of the north end, is at present in an exceedingly dangerous state; so much so, that I consider it very unsafe indeed to have it occupied, and would strongly recommend that the house be vacated at once, and, in order to save as much of the building as possible, that the whole of the east front be immediately shored up from cellar to roof until funds can be obtained for rebuilding the same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

JOHN WITHELL,

Clerk of the Works, Royal Engineer Department.

The Commissioners Royal Engineers, Saint John's.

I entirely concur in Mr. Withell's report, as to the state and condition of the building used at present as a prison at Signal Hill.

PATRICK KOUGH.

 DOCUMENTS IN REFERENCE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUB-COLLECTOR
 AT BURGEO.

BURGEO, August 20th 1852.

SIR.—This is merely to ask you if Mr. R. H. Dawe, (Newman & Co.) is authorised to enter & clear vessels at Burgeo, or to receive duties. If he has, I think that it is a very wrong thing for a merchant's agent to enter and clear their own vessels, or for a sub-collector to leave clearances in the hands of any merchant's office, with his name signed to them; such, I am ready to prove, is the case here, and I appeal to you as a member of the House of Assembly and Collector of the colonial revenue, if you think it a just thing for me to expose my business to a person entirely opposed to me in trade; besides all this, it gives them every opportunity of smuggling.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN FURNEAUX.

The Collector of H. M. Customs.

Miscellaneous.

CUSTOM HOUSE, LAPOILE, 21st October, 1852.

SIR.—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th September last, transmitting a copy of one from Mr. John Furneaux of Burgeo; in reply to which, I beg to state that in consequence of several Halifax schooners touching there, either to trade, or on their way to Fortune Bay and Rameo for herring, I have been under the necessity of requesting Mr. Dawe, agent for Newman & Co., to require them to enter and pay him the Duties, in my absence, as being at a distance of thirty miles, I can only visit that and Channel (at an equal distance in the opposite direction) occasionally.

Mr. Furneaux deals chiefly in St. John's—he has never paid any duties through Mr. Dawe, but always reports here; but he has more than once expressed a wish that he could do it at Burgeo, through, of course, one of his own choice;—both Mr. Dawe and him seem desirous to have a sub-collector there. I also agree with them and take this opportunity of recommending it to your consideration, seeing that it will accommodate the Trade, and probably increase the Revenue.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS READ, *Sub-Collector.*

The Hon. the Collector H. M. Revenue, St. John's.

St. John's, 1st March, 1853.

The Honorable the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs.

SIR,—We beg to hand you, at foot, an extract from a letter of our Agent at Burgeo, in the hope that you will see the necessity of causing a Customs officer to be appointed for that place, where one is required, as much for the protection of the revenue as the fair trader.

Your obedient servant,

Per p. Newman & Co.,

THOMAS G. MORRY.

“Burgeo, 11th Sept., 1852.”

“The Collector at LaPoile (which is distant from this about 35 miles) has authorised me to receive any duties that may be offered, and leaves me blank forms, signed by him, and dated LaPoile, for the purpose of entering and clearing vessels. During the last ten months I have received and remitted to him £122, which I received from traders, who voluntarily offered it. This sum, as well as the amount of duty on Newman & Co's. imports, will appear as the revenue of LaPoile.

“If there was an officer here to compel importers to pay the duties, the collection ought to be at least £600 per annum, as not more than one-tenth of the craft that trade from Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and St. Peters, to this place, pay anything towards the revenue; and I have seen from fifteen to twenty of them at a time.

“Burgeo at present contains about one hundred families, and the population is increasing.”

Your's, &c.,

(Signed)

R. H. DAWE.

 Miscellaneous.

Custom-House, St. John's,
7th March, 1853. }

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith, the accompanying letter, which I have received from Messrs. Newman & Co.; also, a letter from Mr. John Furneaux, together with the Sub-Collector at LaPoile's report thereon, and to request that you will lay them before His Excellency the Governor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN KENT.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, &c., &c.

COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE POOR RELIEF COMMISSIONERS.

The Poor Relief Commissioners shall be composed of the Stipendiary Magistrates at St. John's, and one paid Commissioner (of which Mr. Carter, the Senior Magistrate, shall be Chairman) who shall meet at least once a week, and at which meetings two of these Magistrates shall be present.

The rules recommended in 1849 by a Committee of Her Majesty's Council shall, as far as practicable, be acted on with the following additions.

The Stipendiary Commissioner shall keep up a constant communication with the Magistrates of the various Districts for the purpose of possessing at all times a full knowledge of the condition of the Poor of those Districts, and shall submit these Reports to the Commissioners at their weekly meetings.

No relief will be given to persons from the out Districts without a certificate from the nearest Magistrate, showing the necessity of relief in such cases.

The Magistrates will give every publicity to this rule, and as it is desirable that relief, where required, should be given at the residence of the applicants, the Magistrates will not, except in extreme cases, give such certificates.

In all cases of relief to able-bodied applicants, a return in some description of labor must be exacted.

The Commissioners will transmit every Monday morning to the Colonial Secretary an abstract of their proceedings during the preceding week, and on the first of every month a detailed report of the previous month's operations.

The paid Commissioner will be required to give his whole time and attention to the duties of his office, and the other Commissioners will assist him in the consideration of the cases brought by him before the Board.

The establishment will consist of a Clerk at £70, an Issuer at £75, an Assistant-Issuer at £34 13 4, and a Keeper of Sheds at £32 Sterling per annum.

DR.—STATEMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND STEAM COMPANY'S ACCOUNTS TO 7TH FEBRUARY, 1853.—CR.

To cost and outfit of the steamer <i>Lady LeMarchant</i> , at Greenock	£7980 3 3	By amount received from Shareholders, 641 shares at £10	£6410 0 0
... Insurance on £6000 sterling	547 4 0	... Passages from Greenock	39 13 0
... 335 tons coal, at 26s. 6d., £443 17 6		... Passages and freights in Conception Bay, viz. :—	
... 501½ hhds. do., at 7s. 9d. 193 6 8	637 4 2	from 12th to 30th October...£150 14 8	
... Seal oil and tallow, for machinery	24 12 0	“ 1st to 30th November 302 12 5	
... Expenses calling at St. John's	10 9 6	“ 1st to 31st December 162 14 2	
... Joiner's and Smith's accounts	19 8 7	“ 1st to 30th January... 59 12 9	
... General labor account	13 6 3	“ 1st to 11th February... 40 0 3	715 14 3
... Wages and Victualling	403 12 11	... Amount received for carrying mails	51 18 7
... Printing advertising, postages and other incidentals	34 7 10	... Grant from the Legislature	576 18 4
... Agencies at Brigus, Carbonear, Portugal Cove, and Harbor Grace.....	100 0 0		£7794 4 2
... Interest on balance of Stock account	50 6 7	... Balance against the Company	2026 10 11
	£9820 15 7		£9820 15 1

Miscellaneous.

APPENDIX.

NOTE.—Against balance the Company held
 150 tons coal

£200 0 0	
Unexpired Insurance ... 210 0 0	
	410 0 0

[E.E.]

WILLIAM DONNELLY, *Agent.*
 JOHN MUNN, *Chairman.*

Harbor Grace, 7th February, 1853.

Dr.—STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ST. JOHN'S WATER COMPANY TO THE 30th APRIL, 1852.—Cr.

To paid for labour and sundry materials, (including £300, expended in erecting tank and connecting the small pond on Signal Hill Road) keeping fire plugs	£518 11 9	By balance from last year.....	£91 18 10
To paid for pipe and hose.....	253 19 11	“ amount received for water supplied to premises and shipping.....	499 4 3
“ paid incidental expenses.....	40 14 5	“ amount received for pipe	60 12 1
“ paid Superintendent	75 0 0	“ amount received on account of outstanding debts	26 0 0
“ paid Secretary	42 0 10	“ amount of Legislative grant for 1851, £100 stg.	115 7 8
“ paid dividend of 3 per cent on £5,400	162 0 0	“ amount borrowed from Bank.....	300 0 0
Balance in Bank	0 15 11		
	<u>£1093 2 10</u>		<u>£1,093 2 10</u>
Amount due Bank.....	300 0 0	Balance in Bank	0 15 11

[Errors and omissions excepted.]

ROBERT PROWSE, *President*

W. J. WARD *Secretary,*

St. John's, Newfounddland, April 30th, 1852.

Miscellaneous.

APPENDIX.

Miscellaneous.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURE OF £25
GRANTED IN THE SESSION OF 1852, FOR THE REMOVAL OF ROCK
AT QUIDI VIDI.

1852.	Currency.
Balance due the Surveyor-General as per former account	£0 16 1
June 23.—Cash paid John Furlong, 3 days' work, removing rock from under water, at 5s., Voucher No. 1	0 15 0
July 10.—Ditto ditto John Furlong, 6 days' work, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., " " Ditto ditto Michael Fitzpatrick, 6 days' work, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No. 2	1 13 0
" 17.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, 6 days' each, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No. 3 ..	1 13 0
" 24.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, 6 days' each, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No 4 ...	3 6 0
" 31.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, 6 days each, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No. 5 ...	3 6 0
Aug. 7.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, 6 days' each, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No. 6 ...	3 6 0
" 14.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, 6 days' each, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No. 7 ...	3 6 0
" 21.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, 5½ days' each, boring and blasting, at 5s. 6d., Voucher No. 8 ...	3 0 6
Sept. 3.—Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, for work in the week ending 3rd Sept., Voucher No. 9	1 7 9
Oct. 16.—Ditto ditto Richard Power, for powder, &c., Voucher No. 10	1 10 0
" 26.—Ditto ditto Thomas McGrath, Blacksmith, ditto 11	1 10 9
Balance	0 0 10
	Currency £28 16 11
	Sterling 25 0 0

RECEIPT.

1852.	Stg. £25 0 0
By Warrant on the Treasurer for	0 0 10
Balance brought down	

JOSEPH NOAD,

Surveyor-General.

22nd March, 1853.

Miscellaneous.

**SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF THE EXPENDITURE OF £100 GRANTED
IN PAYMENT OF LIABILITIES INCURRED IN MAKING TANKS & WELLS
IN 1851, BY ADDRESS IN THE SESSION OF 1852.**

1852.	EXPENDITURE.	Currency.
April 27.—	To Cash paid Mahon and Murphy, amount of their joint account for repair to pumps, Voucher, No. 1	£17 15 10
“ 27.—	Ditto ditto Daniel Hill & Co., for earthen pipes, Voucher No. 2.	27 19 6
July 1.—	Ditto ditto J. & J. Hutchings, amount for casing pumps as per account, Voucher, No. 3.	15 0 0
“ 12.—	Ditto ditto balance due J. Bolan, Voucher No. 4.	3 3 5
“ 12.—	Ditto ditto Surveyor General, as per former account	44 10 7
	Balance carried to new account	6 18 4
		£115 7 8
Sterling		100 0 0

RECEIPTS.

1852.		
April.—	Received by Warrant on Treasurer	Sterling £100 0 0

J. NOAD, *Surveyor General.*

March 21st., 1853.

**SURVEYOR GENERAL'S ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE ON TANKS & WELLS
IN SAINT JOHN'S, FROM 13TH JULY 1852, TO 16TH APRIL, 1853.**

1852.		£	s.	d.
July 13.—	Cash paid Mahon, repairing pumps	0	7	4½
24.—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy, sinking wells, (King's Road)	15	12	5
31.—	Ditto ditto Thomas Mahon repairs of King's Road pump	2	7	10
August 7.—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy on account of wells	5	4	0
14.—	Ditto ditto ditto ditto	5	4	0
July 24.—	Ditto ditto Archibald Ritchie on account.....	4	6	8
August 7.—	Ditto ditto for himself	£4	6	8
7.—	Ditto ditto for McGrath	3	9	4
“ 7.—	Ditto ditto for James Long	0	17	4
“ 14.—	Ditto ditto Patrick McGrath	4	6	8
“ 20.—	Ditto ditto Archibald Ritchie, on account for tank at Cudihy's	6	10	0
“ 28.—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy	8	13	4
“ 28.—	Ditto ditto McGrath and Barron	4	6	8
“ 28.—	Ditto ditto Furlong and Fitzpatrick	1	14	8
Sept. 4.	Ditto ditto Ml. Murphy, Fort Townsend Tank	4	1	11
		Carried forward..... £71 8 10½		

Miscellaneous.

1852.		Brought forward.....	£71	8	10½
Sept. 4.	—	Cash paid Ml. Murphy, Nunnery Lane Well	5	10	11
6.	—	Ditto ditto Alexander Ritchie on account of Tank at Cuddihy's....	4	6	8
11.	—	Ditto ditto McGrath and Barron	3	9	4
11.	—	Ditto ditto Furlong and Fitzpatrick	2	12	0
15.	—	Ditto ditto Morley and Pine, pumpmakers	13	0	0
18.	—	Ditto ditto Furlong and Fitzpatrick, for work at Well near Job's Bridge	2	12	0
18.	—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy, amount of account	5	11	0
18.	—	Ditto ditto ditto ditto	3	18	0
18.	—	Ditto ditto ditto on account of contract work	8	13	4
25.	—	Ditto ditto Ritchie on account	4	6	8
25.	—	Ditto ditto Fitzpatrick and Goldsworthy and 2 boys' work at Tank near Ordnance yard.....	2	14	8
Oct. 2.	—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy, on account of Wells and Tanks.....	10	8	0
2.	—	Ditto ditto work at Tank near the Ordnance-yard	2	17	8
2.	—	Ditto ditto Thomas Mahon, repairs to Pump at King's Road.....	0	19	0
8.	—	Ditto ditto Archibald Ritchie, for Tank in Beck's Cove	4	6	8
9.	—	Ditto ditto workmen at Tank near Ordnance-yard	2	18	2
9.	—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy on account	10	8	0
16.	—	Ditto ditto for work at Tank near Ordnance-yard	2	5	0
16.	—	Ditto ditto John Reid, Mason, lining Tank with brick and facing with cement	5	1	3
18.	—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy, for Tank near Fort Townsend	3	9	9
21.	—	Ditto ditto George Gear, Galvanised Tanks for work at Cuddihy's	3	11	6
11.	—	Ditto ditto John Hutchings for work at Cuddihy's	7	5	4
11.	—	Ditto ditto Thomas Mahon repairs of Pump, Tarahan's Town ...	0	7	5
23.	—	Ditto ditto Archibald Ritchie for labor and materials	4	6	8
23.	—	Ditto ditto Richard Moore, stone for Tank near Ordnance-yard ...	3	14	1
23.	—	Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick, for work at Well near Job's Bridge, and materials	2	13	2
23.	—	Ditto ditto Thomas Mahon for Pump	2	4	11
25.	—	Ditto ditto Richard Moore for stone	12	18	8
28.	—	Ditto ditto W. & H. Thomas & Co. for bricks	1	0	7
28.	—	Ditto ditto Furlong & Fitzpatrick for work... ..	1	7	4
28.	—	Ditto ditto Kerr & Moody for Valves	0	17	4
30.	—	Ditto ditto Archibald Ritchie, balance of account	2	12	8
30.	—	Ditto ditto Morley and Pine, pumpmakers.....	5	15	7
Nov. 6.	—	Ditto ditto Archibald Ritchie for labor and materials at Tank near Fort Townsend	2	15	11
6.	—	Ditto ditto Furlong and Fitzpatrick for labor at tank near Ordnance yard	1	1	4
9.	—	Ditto ditto Richard Moore, 13½ tons stone	1	15	1
18.	—	Ditto ditto Murray & Small, for 2 bls. cement	1	14	8
20.	—	Ditto ditto A. Ritchie, per account	4	17	6
25.	—	Ditto ditto Michael Murphy on account of tank near Fort Townsend	2	12	0
25.	—	Ditto ditto John Shaw, hauling pipes	2	12	0
Decr. 7.	—	Ditto ditto Thos. McGrath, per account	5	8	3
18.	—	Ditto ditto paid Foundry, per account	15	19	10
		Carried forward.....	£257	8	11½

Miscellaneous.

1852.		Brought forward.....	£257	8	11½
	18.—	Cash paid Archibald Ritchie	3	9	4
	21.—	Ditto ditto Gas Company for iron pipes	10	11	8
	Octr. 7.—	Ditto ditto Walter Irvin, for flags for wall near Job's Bridge.....	0	9	6
	Dec. 30.—	Ditto paid J. & J. Hutchings for casing pumps	3	1	3
1853.					
	Jany. 3.—	Ditto paid L. O'Brien for one brl. cement	0	19	6
	10.—	Ditto paid Samuel Knight, per account	0	8	3
		Ditto paid Alexander Ritchie	1	14	8
	17.—	Ditto paid Gas Company for pipes	2	6	10
		Ditto paid for clay and hauling	0	13	10
		Ditto paid for damage done to a ladder	0	3	6
	3.—	Ditto paid for scantling for Tanks	2	7	7
	27.—	Ditto paid Thomas Mahon for repairing pumps built in 1851 ...	1	14	10
	29.—	Ditto paid labor about pumps	0	10	10
	Feby. 19.—	Ditto paid Thomas Mahon for pump	0	13	10
	March 4.—	Ditto paid Jeremiah Bolan for sinking Tank near Fort Towns- end	3	9	4
		Ditto paid J. Bolan for sinking Tank at Waldegrave-street	8	13	4
		Ditto ditto ditto	6	18	8
		Ditto paid pumpmakers	0	8	3
	April 2.—	Ditto paid Morley and Pine pumpmakers.....	2	12	0
		Ditto paid Jeremiah Bolan, on account	3	12	10
		Ditto paid ditto ditto	3	9	4
	8.—	Ditto paid ditto ditto	8	13	4
			Stg.	£323	3 7
	Balance	.....		1	16 4
					£324 19 11

CR.

1852.					
	August 3....	By Warrant on Treasurer	£50	0	0
	30....	" Ditto ditto	50	0	0
	Sept. 14....	" Ditto ditto	60	0	0
	Oct. 14....	" Ditto ditto	100	0	0
	22....	Cash received from Road Commissioners, as proportion of ex- pense in making a drain in connection with a pipe drain from a pump in a lane near the Nunnery Lane	4	6	8
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					£324 19 11

JOSEPH NOAD,

Surveyor-General.

16th April, 1853.

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